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Kingdom, Tunisia to foster Arab unity

By Walid Ghorab
 Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 1 — Saudi Arabia and Tunisia have agreed to work closely to settle Arab differences as a first step toward preparing the way for a resumption of the postponed Arab summit conference, according to Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Mazali.

Speaking at a press conference here at the end of his official visit to the country Mazali said that the situation in the Arab world was "displeasing" and must be rectified to meet the higher goals of the people.

"The resumption of the summit in Fez Morocco, was one of the main topics of discussion with the Saudi Arabian leaders," he said. "We should come out with a uniform policy to confuse our enemy and find out who our friends and foes are."

Fahd awards Faisal prizes

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — On behalf of King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd awarded King Faisal International Prizes to four recipients here Monday.

The prize for Service to Islam was presented to Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling, Islamic call and guidance. The award for Islamic Studies was presented to Dr. Najatullah Siddiqui, the award for Arabic Literature to Dr. Nasseruddin Al-Assad while the prize for Medicine was presented to Dr. D. Morilli.

The prize for Service to Islam carries a cash value of SR300,000 and a gold medal while the other prizes carry cash prizes of SR250,000 each and a citation.

He said such a unified Arab stance was being demanded by the East and West under very critical circumstances in the region. He commanded Saudi Arabian peace plan as a sound program proving the Arab desire for peace. "We should not take a negative attitude toward it," he said. "Those who reject it must submit alternative plans."

Mazali said the freezing of the European initiative for a peaceful solution of the Middle East question was a result of the divisions in the Arab world. He said another result was the criticism by some Arabs declaration jointly issued by the European Economic Community.

Referring to the visit to Tunisia by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, Mazali said that the full unity between the two countries, as advocated by Qaddafi, was pure imagination. He said the real unity lay in common interests and goals. But the visit did lead to agreement to solve the problem of the 50,000 Tunisian workers in Libya.

He said his country supported the decision of the African summit conference to allow the people of the disputed Sahara region to determine their own future. He said Algeria supports the movement of the Polisario to declare an independent state of the Sahara which lies under Moroccan sovereignty.

The Arab world needs to acquaint the American people with its just causes instead of "heaping abuse on the U.S. day and night," he said. He urged the Arabs to confront the Jewish lobby by organized media campaigns to let the truth seep into the American public mind.

During his visit here Mazali signed an agreement with the Saudi Development Fund for a \$100 million loan to help Tunisian development plans.

Saudi-Tunisian talks, led by Crown Prince Fahd and Mazali, were held earlier in the morning.

Blasts rock 4 buildings in New York

NEW YORK, March 1 (R) — Bombs went off at four major buildings in the New York financial district late Sunday night and a Puerto Rican nationalist group claimed responsibility early Monday calling it an attack on "Yankee imperialism." Police said a long communique was found in a telephone booth several kms away after the virtually simultaneous explosions went off just before midnight.

It claimed responsibility and carried a star with the letters FALN, the initials of a Puerto Rican nationalist group which has carried out bombings in the past in New York and other cities, police said. The communique expressed the FALN's solidarity with those accused of an abortive armored car robbery in suburban Westchester county last year in which two police men and a guard were killed, the police said.

Earlier, an anonymous caller to a news agency gave a general location for the communique and identified himself as an FALN member, but did not mention the bombings. The simultaneous blasts hit the two stock exchanges, a major brokerage house and a big bank, police said. No one was injured. The bombs damaged mostly windows and doors at the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Merrill Lynch Stock brokerage building and the Chase Manhattan Bank building, all in the Wall Street area.

A suspicious package was found at the door of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Bank. It was being investigated by police explosives experts. Besides the financial buildings, the bombs damaged some nearby shops. The damage appeared to have been confined to windows, police said.

One man working late on the 21st floor of the Merrill Lynch building said the structure was shaken by the blast. FALN (Armed Forces for National Liberation) launched bomb attacks which killed five persons and injured more than 100 between 1975 and 1980. The group says it wants independence for Puerto Rico, a status repeatedly rejected by voters participating in referendums. The Caribbean island has Commonwealth status with the United States.

After 11 FALN members were arrested in 1981, the group's operations were raided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Jersey City, New Jersey. The New Jersey location was described as a bomb factory.

Also found in the Jersey City apartment were files on 50 American business leaders and their companies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) refused comment on the contents of the files but there were reports that they included personal details of the lives and careers of the executives. The FBI refused to speculate on why the files were collected and kept. Agents also found a "how-to" book explaining the use of booby traps and explosives.

On AWACS deal

Sultan rebuts media report

By Naser Al-Shehri
 Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 1 — Saudi Arabia has denied having signed any agreement with the United States, containing terms or conditions about the naming and use of the five Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft it has bought from the U.S.

The rebuttal was contained in a special statement to *Arab News*, given by Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, commenting on a statement reported by some foreign news agencies and attributed to a U.S. Pentagon source, who claimed that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has signed an accord with his Saudi counterpart, Prince Sultan, during the former's recent visit to Riyadh. He was reported to have claimed that the accord contained terms and conditions on the naming of the AWACS aircraft, saying that President Reagan had promised the U.S. Congress on these (terms and conditions), in exchange for the approval of the deal which had stirred a strong controversy between the U.S. administration and the Senate for one full year.

Prince Sultan told *Arab News* Monday that this report is "baseless", adding that "these lies, which are circulated by certain news agencies under pressure of Zionist elements, are malicious toward Islam and the whole Arab nation. They are no longer new, as we have heard a lot of customary lies from our

10,000 said slain in Hama

PARIS, March 1 (AFP) — Between 8,000 and 10,000 people died in the violent fighting which led to the total closure of the Syrian town of Hama last month, the special correspondent of *Liberation* newspaper reported here Monday.

Local witnesses, *Liberation* said that government forces suffered heavy casualties in the fighting, which opposed regular troops and members of the Muslim Brotherhood. Syrian authorities have given no figures for government losses.

The report said that the town, a major industrial center north of Damascus, had suffered severe damage, mainly due to the use of tanks and heavy artillery in a "savage and systematic" battle to wrest the town back from the rebels.

A Muslim clergy told the leftist newspaper that while the town was in the Brotherhood's hands, members of the ruling Baath Party, had been murdered with their entire families, including children, that women caught in the street unveiled had been executed instantly and police had been hanged or burnt alive.

Witnesses told the correspondent that paratroopers dropped into Hama were mostly killed "before their feet touched the ground."

enemies". The minister said "an instance could be found in the wide clamor among the Zionist propaganda agencies during the Kingdom's arms deal. The whole din was totally against the signing of the deal".

The defense minister added that "for this reason, we in Saudi Arabia no longer care about the tendentious statements prepared by our enemies. It is enough that we thoroughly realize our interests, the interests of our nation and our responsibility toward this nation".

Prince Sultan expressed his belief that "the young men of the Saudi Arabian armed forces, who have proved to all their military absorbing capability in the shortest period of time, are those on whom the Kingdom's armed forces depend, of course after reliance on Al-mighty God, in all their technical developments. This is so because they are capable of carrying out their responsibilities".

Some news agencies had reported that the conditions include the participation of an American crew in piloting and manning the AWACS aircraft. This has been categorically denied by the Saudi defense minister.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning

SR1.5b hospital contracts let

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Two contracts worth SR1.532 billion were signed here Monday for building, equipping and maintaining some hospitals. The contracts were signed by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi, who left later for Sanaa to attend a conference of Arab health ministers which opened later in the day.

The first contract, worth SR1.039 billion provides for building, equipping and maintaining two hospitals in Makkah and Abha. Each will have a capacity of 574 beds. The

second contract also provides for building a similar hospital in Buraidah with 574 beds at a cost of SR492.9 million.

Work on these hospitals is expected to be completed within 28 months, while maintenance will be provided for four years.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jazairi, who will lead the Kingdom's delegation, was received at Sanaa airport by North Yemeni Health Minister Dr. Muhammad Al-Kabab, the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires, and other officials.

Kuwait ruler denies report

KUWAIT, March 1 (R) — The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Monday denied having said in an interview that Saudi Arabia and other conservative Gulf oil states should establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union to show their neutrality.

The Kuwait news agency said the ruler had never granted an interview to the Lebanese magazine *Al-Afkar* which quoted him as saying he had put the proposals to Kuwait's partners in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The agency Sunday carried the full text of the interview appearing in the magazine's first issue Monday. A statement by the ruler's office said the ruler had never met any representative of the magazine and all attributions in the interview were fabrications.

King receives Chatti, Mahjoub

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — King Khaled received Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, at the Royal Court here Monday.

The monarch also welcomed Muhammad Mahjoub Ould Bieh, Mauritanian minister of housing and water. Present at the audience were Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing, and Muhammad Al-Khashbi, Mauritanian ambassador to the Kingdom.

Prince Miteb also received the Mauritanian minister separately, and discussed cooperation in the spheres of public works and housing. Those who attended the meeting included Ibrahim Al-Rashed, housing undersecretary, and Majed Ya-nani, assistant undersecretary.

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On messages about Hama incidents

Yamani denies Israeli radio allegation

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani denied Monday a report by Israeli radio alleging that King Khaled had sent messages to leaders of Gulf states on the recent developments in Hama, Syria.

Yamani said that the King did not send any messages on this subject. "The report is completely baseless," he said, adding that the Kingdom does not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

In a separate development, Information Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja said that the Gulf countries' information venture is a unique experience and an example of good joint work. This experience started six years ago at the first conference of Gulf information ministers held in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates.

Aussies to boost trade relations

By Javid Hassan
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 1 — Australia, which imports 73 percent of its oil needs from Saudi Arabia, will step up its export drive to the Kingdom, its second biggest trading partner in the Middle East, John McVeigh, Australian minister for housing and construction, told Arab News Monday.

Meanwhile, an Australian trade fair got off to a flying start with 67 exhibitors displaying products ranging from industrial and agricultural machinery to furniture, airconditioners and solar heaters. An item that riveted visitors' attention was the waterbed which allows one the benefit of 'floatation sleep'.

The temperature of the water inside is controlled by safety heaters, thus obviating the need for heavy wear in winter. It is also said to be beneficial for health. Earlier, a sheepskin rug was presented to Riyadh Mayor Abdulah Al-Nuaim.

On a six-day visit from April 4, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim will hold talks with his Australian counterpart, John Anthony, and others. Cooperation in higher and technical education will be one of the subjects of talks.

In an interview with the Lebanese magazine *Al-Sayyid*, Khoja said the Gulf states have developed a special information concept "marked with honesty and truth." He added that all information ministers' conferences deal from the Gulf information requirements which meet the needs of the citizens, their language and religion. The Gulf information policy interacts with the environment, soil, water, a lively history, a bright

Al-Sheikh in Manama

MANAMA, March 1 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh arrived here Monday to represent the Kingdom at the seventh Arab agriculture ministers conference to make the best use of water resources and modern irrigation techniques.

Iraq-Iran mediation panel to meet

Chatti briefs King on efforts

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — A report about the activities of the Organization of the Islamic Conference was submitted Monday to King Khaled by the Secretary General Habib Chatti.

Chatti said he had briefed King Khaled on the implementation of the last Islamic summit conference which was held in Makkah last year and the work of the good offices committee was formed by the Islamic leaders to bring about a peaceful end to the Iraqi-Iranian war. The committee is due to resume its meetings in Jeddah Friday.

The meeting was called for by Chatti at the suggestion of President Sekou Toure of Guinea, the committee's chairman, after consulting with other members. They include the leaders of Guinea, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey, Malaysia, Senegal, Gambia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Previous attempts at mediating a peaceful settlement of the conflict have so far failed despite repeated visits by the committee to Iran and Iraq. Iran has insisted all along that the Iraqis must withdraw from all the territories they had occupied during the war before

present and smiling future; and the relations with neighbors, and the whole human kind, he said.

He commended the achievements of joint Gulf information work. Khoja said that these achievements are reflected by the Joint Programs Production Corporation, the Gulf Television Authority, the Gulf News Agency and other joint institutions.

He said that the official and private information services in the Gulf cannot be separated. "Both represent the Gulf opinion and that repetition or contradiction should not exist between media men," he said. The information undersecretary praised the development of the Gulf press. It is passing now through a stage of development and maturity "accompanied by weakness or irresponsibility some times," Khoja said. But this is human nature, he said.

any negotiations can be held. Iraq said that the territories occupied were "regained" since they had been Iraqi lands seized by Iran in the past.

The 1975 peace treaty signed by the late Shah and the present Iraqi President Saddam Hussein acknowledges Iraqi claims to lands later incorporated by Iran and promised to hold talks to resolve the issue peacefully. The revolutionary government of Iran rejected Iraqi pleas to open negotiations about the disputed lands.

Sudanese tours port

JEDDAH, March 1 (SPA) — Sudanese Trade and Supplies Minister Ahmad Salem visited Jeddah Islamic Port Monday and inspected the modern dock facilities, container stations and unloading services.

He was briefed on the operation plan of the port and the rapid development. He expressed admiration for what he saw and said that it has become one of the features in the Kingdom. He also commended the high standard of Saudi Arabian personnel.

Petromin to hold first petroleum industries show

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 1 — Three hundred Saudi Arabian and foreign companies will take part in an exhibition of oil, petrochemical and energy industries to be held here next April. It will be opened by the Governor of Petromin, Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher.

The exhibition, called Petrotech 82, also will include a session on oil and energy problems to be led by Dr. Taher. The Arabian American Company (Aramco) will be represented along with other giant international companies including Brazilian ones who will be attending for the first time a Saudi Arabian conference of this nature.

Brazilian sources said that this attendance may be the precursor of a permanent Brazilian trade exhibition in the Kingdom to be based in Jeddah. It will be organized by the federation of Brazilian chambers of commerce.

The exhibition will open with a meeting on April 19 to be addressed by Dr. Taher and other national and foreign experts. All companies affiliated to Petromin have been urged to send representatives.

The exhibition which is held once every two years aims at boosting energy development and stressing the importance of all petroleum and petrochemical industries.

IDB, Bangladesh sign \$16m pact

JEDDAH, March 1 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank granted Bangladesh Monday a \$16.3 million loan bringing the total of loans received by the country this year to \$45.2 million.

The loan agreement was signed by Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, IDB president. It provides for financing a project to produce urea fertilizers in Bangladesh at a capacity of 560,000 tons annually.

Saudia introduces new lines to Asia and Europe this year

JEDDAH, March 1 (SPA) — Saudia will open new routes linking the Kingdom to main cities in Asia and Europe this year. The first will be March 28 a Jeddah-Riyadh-Bangkok-Singapore twice-weekly route. The 747 jumbo Boeing planes will be used on this route.

By the beginning of June, the national carrier will run a twice-weekly flight between Jeddah and Islamabad, via Riyadh, using

TriStar aircraft. On the same day, a route linking Riyadh to Nice and London, via Jeddah, will open on a weekly TriStar flight. Saudia will operate a Jeddah-Riyadh-Seoul route as of Nov. 1 either on a twice or three weekly flight basis. The 747 jumbo will be used for this service.

Meanwhile, Saudia is currently preparing to increase flights on routes which come under great pressure during the summer.

Official to visit Taiwan's industries

JEDDAH, March 1 (CNA) — Saudi Arabian Deputy Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Fuad Al-Farsi is scheduled to arrive in Taipei March 5 for a week-long visit at the invitation of the Chinese government.

Chinese Ambassador here Hsueh Yu-Chi Sunday called on Farsi at his office in Riyadh. The deputy minister expressed interest in visiting China's industrial establishments and estates with special emphasis on management

and administration of industrial estates. This will be Farsi's first visit to the Republic of China where he is expected to meet with the Economics Minister William Chao, and other officials.

Meanwhile, a 12-member delegation of the Damman Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by its president, Saad Muhammad Al-Muajil, is scheduled to arrive in Taipei March 3 for a week-long visit.

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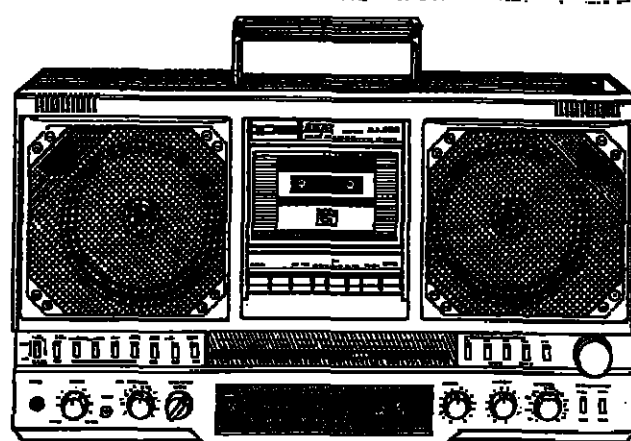
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Police urged to aid victims of accidents

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — A meeting of senior traffic officials ended here Monday with recommendations that wounded drivers in accidents may be given medical treatment after obtaining the necessary surities; it also urged traffic officers, against holding passengers of cars involved in accidents. It would be enough to hold the offending drivers only.

The meeting held under Brig. Muhammad ibn Raja Al-Harbi advised traffic officers and men to ensure immediate medical care to those involved in accidents and to clear out the vehicles involved in order to allow traffic to move smoothly.

The experts called for detailed reports of traffic accidents to help them in tabulations and studies and drawing up plans for traffic safety regulations.

The meeting was held at the request of the Director of Public Security Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh who called on his officers to ease the measures and procedures taken with regard to traffic accidents while at the same time collecting as much relative information about them as possible.

Jeddah labeled region's biggest gold importer

JEDDAH, March 1 — According to banking experts, Jeddah has become the largest gold importing center in the region, Al-Medina reported Monday.

The paper said that in 1981 the gold import centers in the Middle East imported nearly 190 tons of the yellow metal. Such centers are located in Amman, Damascus, Kuwait, Bahrain, Dubai and Jeddah. This is in contrast to what happened in 1980 when the price of an ounce of gold had risen to \$850. At that time, nearly 150 tons of gold went back to London and Zurich markets from the Middle East in the shape of ornaments.

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BEAUTIFICATION: One of the recent monuments erected by the Jeddah municipality to beautify the city. It is made up of moving rings and is situated on the Tahlia Street north of the city. Scores of such monuments dot the growing metropolis.

For Abqaiq water network

SR100m contract awarded

ABQAIQ, March 1 (SPA) — A SR100 million contract has been awarded by Abqaiq Municipality for the expansion and improvement of this city's drinking water network and water treatment plants.

Mayor Ahmad Al-Diri said that other projects costing a total SR5 million will soon be commissioned. They involve street asphalt, lighting and side walk construction in the old and new Ain Dar area.

In the meantime, bids have been opened for the SR489,000 maintenance and lighting

project for Abqaiq and for the SR441,000 contract for the supply of equipment to the municipality. Both projects will soon be commissioned.

The municipality is currently implementing a SR495,000 project for the fencing of the city's graveyards and a SR145,000 artesian wells drilling project in the airport area. The municipality recently took delivery of projects totaling SR3,927,000 including temporary asphalt in Abqaiq and the industrial zone, and artesian wells which cost SR120,000.

Kuwait military chief continues tour

DHAHRAN, March 1 (SPA) — Kuwaiti Chief of General Staff Maj. Gen. Abdullah Al-Ghanem arrived here Monday in the context of his current visit to the Kingdom. He was received by Maj. Gen. Sulaiman Abdullah Al-Shubaili, commander of the Eastern Province; and Brig. Ali Ahmad Al-Ghandi, commander of King Abdul Aziz air base in Dhahran.

Ghanem and his delegation arrived here from Tabuk where they visited the Special Forces' Paratroopers School and the Artil-

lery School. He was seen off on departure from Tabuk by Maj. Gen. Saleh Muhammad Al-Aqili, commander of the Northern Region, and other senior officers.

The Kuwaiti delegation began its visit to the Kingdom Saturday and toured military installations. Ghanem was received by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Saturday and also held talks with Chief of General Staff Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad on the same day.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Medinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Tuesday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:16	5:19	4:50	4:38	5:02	5:33
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:33	12:34	12:05	11:52	12:16	12:46
Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:26	3:12	3:37	4:05
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:26	6:25	5:57	5:42	6:07	6:35
Isha (Night)	7:56	7:55	7:27	7:12	7:37	8:05

Gulf chambers to hold talks in Taif March 28

DAMMAM, March 1 (SPA) — The sixth meeting of the Federation of Arab Gulf Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture will be held in Taif March 28, it was decided by the federation's council Monday.

According to Kazem Al-Mubaidi, the federation's secretary general, the meeting will strive to coordinate the views of the council members and reach a unified stance on the issues included in the agenda of the Arab investors' conference, which will be held in Taif from March 30 to April 1.

Mubaidi said a discussion will also be held on the previous resolutions of the council and a proposal of the Bahraini Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the reduction of duties on the certificates of origin and commercial manifests charged by the joint Arab-foreign chambers.

He said the council will study the steps needed to implement the fiberglass project by the shareholding Gulf company or by establishing a shareholding Gulf company for this purpose. He reaffirmed that the project's execution by the Gulf private sector is an additional success achieved by the Arab businessmen in the sphere of industrial and agricultural projects, especially after the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council and its various economic initiatives.

Speaking about the Arab investors' conference, Mubaidi said a working paper has been prepared on the opportunities of Arab investment and various incentives inside the Arab world, besides the difficulties being faced by these investments and the solutions proposed for them.

SASO issues new standards

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization has issued five proposals for new national standard specifications. The proposed standards were circulated to the parties concerned who were requested to submit their opinions to avoid any technical or economic problems when the standards become mandatory.

The new standards include benzene for vehicles determining the factors needed to be present in the super and ordinary benzene types for cars which operate on internal combustion engines. The standards also include methods for testing benzene against oxidation.

Other standards involve toilet soap for bathing and other purposes, but does not include medicated and some other types of soap; the liquidation of asphalt against chloride-ethylene; and certain types of beauty cleaners.

King directed mosque care--official

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad ibn Ishaq Al-Sheikh, pilgrimage and endowments undersecretary for mosques, said Monday that the ministry's efforts to increase the number of mosques and take care of them are only the reflection of the interest shown by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd in this matter.

The official said that the main preoccupation of the leaders of this country is to see the present and future generations adhere to their faith.

In a statement on the occasion of the fifth annual week for mosque, Sheikh Muhammad also expressed his appreciation and deep gratitude on behalf of the minister, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, to Prince

Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the youth welfare, for the assistance extended to the ministry to ensure the success of the mosque week. He also thanked all authorities and departments that contributed to the week to ensure its success.

King Khaled, Sheikh Muhammad said, has given instructions that there should be mosques in every spot in Saudi Arabia and that the needs of these mosques must be met. He added that the ministry gives furniture and the necessary equipment to the mosques. It also distributes loudspeakers, air-conditioning sets, carpets and other facilities. Furthermore, it signed cleanliness contracts with specialized firms to clean the country's mosques and give them the appearance they deserve, he said.

Condition of students abroad viewed

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh chaired a meeting of the higher committee for sending officials abroad, here Sunday.

The committee studied all applications for higher studies abroad and discussed the condition of students already studying in foreign countries.

Attending the meeting were Dr. Muhammad Al-Tawil, director general of administration institute; Dr. Saleh Al-Azli, vice-president of King Saud University for higher studies and research; Ibrahim Al-Hajji, cultural undersecretary; Abdul Rahman Abdul Kader, deputy chairman of the civil service board; Abdul Aziz Nasrullah, assistant finance undersecretary for accounts affairs; and Abdullah Sulaiman Al-Hussein, director general of missions and international university relations at the ministry of higher education.

In another development, Ummul Qura

University's senate held a meeting in Makkah Sunday during which it approved the appointment of several persons who obtained doctorate and masters' degrees on scholarship abroad. The senate also decided to confer masters' degrees on some of its students in Sharia, Arabic language, educational administration, planning and psychology. The meeting also discussed the conditions of the university's students studying abroad on scholarship.

Meanwhile, Taif's Education College, affiliated to Ummul Qura university as the beginning of the current academic year, held the first meeting of its senate under Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh, Ummul Qura university undersecretary, in Taif Sunday. The meeting reviewed issues pertaining to curricula and educational plans, in addition to its requirements for new departments and academic centers to provide comprehensive scientific and educational services.

BRIEFS

LONDON (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer arrived here Monday on a three-day official visit to Britain for talks with British officials on promoting bilateral relations and cooperation. The visit to the United Kingdom is the first leg of a tour which will take the Saudi Arabian minister to Brazil and Argentina.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Greek Foreign Minister Ioannis Charalambopoulos left here Monday after a four-day official visit to the Kingdom. He was seen off at the airport by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry's chief of protocol; the Greek ambassador to the Kingdom and several other officials.

RIYADH (SPA) — The executive committee of the Arab bankers association, formed of the London-based Arab bankers, will hold its next meeting here March 13. The three-day meeting will be held at the invitation of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

JEDDAH (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah Mu-

hammad Al-Zaid, director general of education in the Western Province, conferred here Monday with Dr. Ahmad Al-Hali, an education expert in the Arab Organization for the Eradication of Illiteracy and Adult Education. Zaid explained the steps taken by Saudi Arabia to promote literacy and adult education.

RIYADH (SPA) — A Saudi Arabian delegation led by Sheikh Omar Abdul Kader Faqih, the head of the general supervision board, will fly to Tunis Friday to represent the Kingdom in the executive committee of the working group on higher and accounting machinery of the Arab world. The conference will open Saturday.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Fifteen persons embraced Islam before Sheikh Abdul Aziz Issa, president of the sharia courts, here Monday. The converts included nine Filipinos, five Koreans and a Thai national.

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Exhibitions across the Kingdom this week drew thousands of visitors to displays of the latest foreign goods and services to be marketed to the country. Arab Health '82 in Jeddah (page 17), Saudi Transport '82 in Riyadh (page 13) and the Eastern province motor show in Al-Khobar (page 21) presented products ranging from antibiotics and antitumor drugs to "future" cars, desert vehicles and streamlined Porsches.

A firm manufacturing rotary rockbits, a drilling tool, has opened in Al-Khobar. Unique in the Middle East, Security Rockbits Arabia, part of the Al-Rushaid Group, aims to dominate the domestic rockbit market. Page 32

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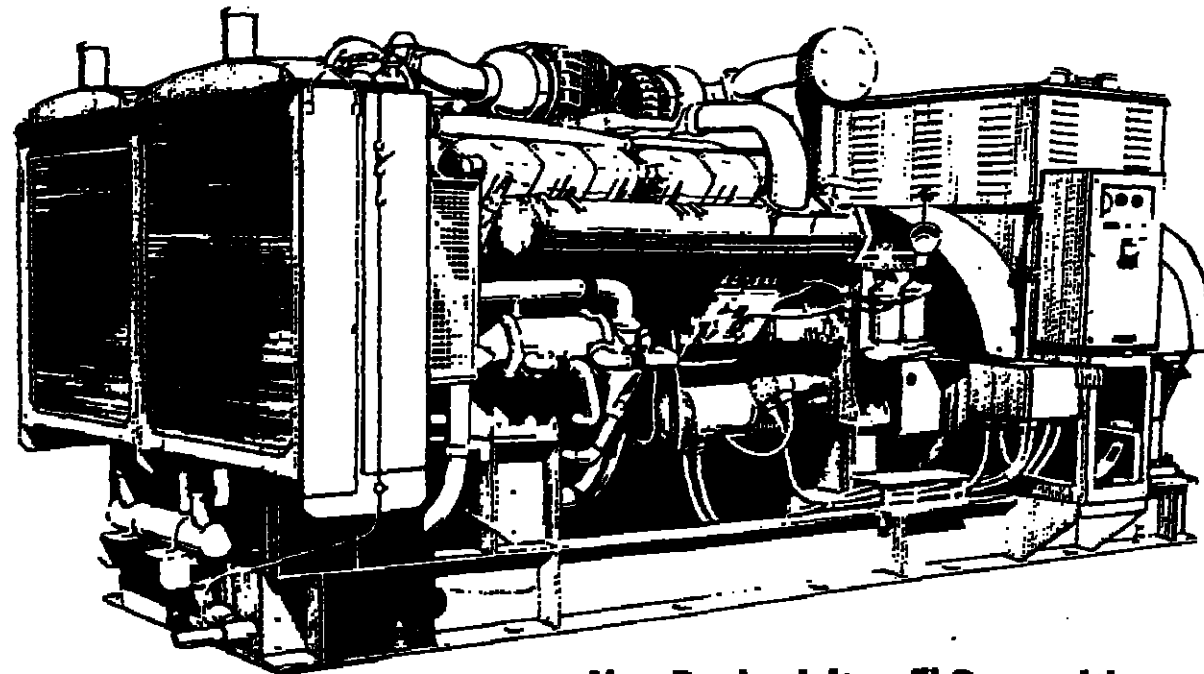
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But not in occupied areas

Palestinians pledge to honor ceasefire

BEIRUT, March 1 (AP) — As the Middle East peace negotiator Philip Habib Monday discussed the upkeep of the ceasefire between the Israelis and Palestinians in South Lebanon with Israeli leaders in Tel Aviv, the Palestinian Liberation Organization has issued a new pledge to abide by the ceasefire in South Lebanon but asserted it would continue commando warfare within Israeli occupied areas.

Habib who flew into Tel Aviv Sunday met the Israeli Premier Begin privately for about an hour and then they were joined by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Habib later met Sharon and Shamir separately. He said that he had "a very good meeting with Begin and his colleagues."

The Palestinian pledge, made in Beirut by Arafat's top military commander, said: "We commit ourselves not to stage any operations from Lebanese territory as long as the enemy refrains from such operations," said Khalil Wazir, code named Abu Jihad, an Arafat deputy who is "commander-in-chief of the Palestinian revolution."

"We do so in order to stop the aggression on the Lebanese arena. But we declare that our struggle will not stop within the occupied territories and across other (Arab) fronts that we can operate across," said Abu Jihad, who also is the field commander of the PLO's

12,000 active commandos in Lebanon.

The PLO-controlled Palestine news agency Wafa said Abu Jihad spoke at the graduation ceremony of a new batch of Fatah "political officers" in Beirut Sunday. Excerpts of the speech as reported by Wafa were published by Lebanese newspapers Monday.

Fatah is the largest of the eight factions that make up the PLO and the commitments it makes are usually binding on all other Palestinian groups.

There have been no direct contacts between Habib and the PLO in any of his five Middle Eastern trips in the last 10 months. But Lebanon's Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan is known to have briefed Arafat on the highlights of Habib's talks.

Wazzan called on Arafat at his Beirut PLO headquarters Sunday, where the PLO chairman is "recovering from a slight physical indisposition," and had a "general discussion of the latest developments in the area," according to Wafa.

The PLO and other Arab leaders have been warning that Israel was preparing to attack and possibly overrun South Lebanon before its scheduled withdrawal from Egypt's Sinai desert on April 26.

Wafa reported Sunday night that Israeli warplanes and helicopters flew low over the southern Lebanese oil refinery town of Zahrani 50 kms south of Beirut for the first time since the July 24 ceasefire and drew a barrage of ground fire from commando positions. Israel had no immediate comment.

The American Sunday met Lebanese officials in his effort to preserve the ceasefire he arranged last July. Israel alleges the commandos have received massive amounts of weaponry since the truce took effect, but the State Department said last week it had no evidence to support the Israeli allegations.

The Reagan administration is concerned that Israel might launch a pre-emptive strike against the Palestinians, possibly before its final pullback from the Sinai desert is completed April 25. Begin was reported to have been ready to order an attack at the beginning of February but the order was not given, evidently because of diplomatic activity in the wake of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights in December.

Palestinian assassinated

MADRID, March 1 (AP) — A Palestinian, identified by police as Nevil Aranki Wadi, 36, was shot to death by a gunman Monday when he left his Madrid apartment, police said.

Police identified Wadi as a member of an Arab liberation movement but gave no further details. He was rushed to the "First of October" Hospital where he died shortly after arrival, doctors said. Police said two cartridges were found in the area and that two bullets entered Wadi's neck.

Beirut blasts wreck store, bank

BEIRUT, March 1 (AP) — Explosions wrecked a large carpet store and the entrance to a Lebanese bank in two separate neighborhoods in Beirut overnight, bringing the bombing toll to 16 explosions within 18 days, police reported Monday.

A police spokesman who declined to be named in keeping with Lebanese government regulations said there were no fatalities in the two latest blasts in Beirut's Hamra and Verdun areas, although the 18-year-old daughter of the Lebanese night guard of the rug store was slightly injured. The explosions caused extensive material losses, according to the spokesman.

Mubarak's Israel visit in jeopardy

CAIRO, March 1 (AP) — Will President Hosni Mubarak go ahead with a planned visit to Israel, was the big question here Monday, following Israel's demand that any schedule must include a visit to Jerusalem.

"If President Mubarak insists on not going to Jerusalem, he will have to do without this important visit," Israeli government spokesman Aryeh Naor said Sunday, following a cabinet meeting. The cabinet had discussed a visit here last week by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, during which the date of President Mubarak's visit was expected to be decided.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry refused to comment on the Israeli statements, saying only that "the date and details of this visit are still under discussion." The Cairo press has kept quiet on the issue.

The feeling here is that Mubarak's trip is new evidence of the fundamental differences

The latest bombing wave, which began Feb. 11, underscored a lawless chaos still reigning Lebanon since the 1975-76 civil war between the nation's rival militias. The spokesman said 14 of the 16 recent bombings were against business enterprises.

Ninety-eight persons were killed in car explosions, armed clashes and other violent incidents the police added. Among the fatalities, the sources said, 22 persons had died during fierce clashes in the northern port of Tripoli.

A spate of car bombs in Beirut and one in the coastal town of Sidon killed 16 persons.

Egypt does not want to be seen as supporting the unilateral decision to make Jerusalem the "eternal and undivided capital" of Israel, taken in July, 1980, in defiance of world opinion. Sources here said that Mubarak had made this clear in recent messages to U.S. leaders: and to the heads of the five European countries he visited last month.

The ruling National Democratic Party magazine *Mawa* recalled in this week's issue that Egyptian policy on the Jerusalem issue still stood on a statement made by the late President Anwar Sadat in November, 1977, that Jerusalem was Arab territory.

The magazine noted that Egypt had made this position quite clear in the Camp David documents, adding that the United Nations and world feeling on the matter agreed with the Egyptian position.

The agreement, signed Saturday, said they would jointly develop plans for agricultural, industrial and electrical production and the linking of road, rail and communications networks. Tunisians seeking work in sparsely-populated Libya would be given priority in obtaining visas, the accord said. It called for efforts to harmonize the education systems of the two countries.

Libya, Tunisia set up joint panel

TUNIS, March 1 (AP) — Libya and Tunisia have agreed to cooperate in several fields including foreign policy so that the systems of the two north African neighbors become complementary, the semi-official Tunisian news agency said Monday.

The agency, quoting unnamed observers, said the accords, reached during a week-long visit by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi, were regarded as a substitute for the abortive union of the two countries that was announced Jan. 12, 1974. Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba pulled out of that union agreement a few days later leading to a rift in relations that worsened in 1980 following a border dispute.

The agency said that in their meetings last

Despite imbalance in men, equipment

Eritreans give stiff fight to Ethiopians

NAKFA, North-Eastern Ethiopia March 1 (AFP) — Fierce fighting raged for the past two weeks in this part of Ethiopia's northern province of Eritrea where Africa's longest-running freedom struggle — it started in earnest 20 years ago — has turned into a classic battle for positions between Ethiopian government troops and fighters of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

A fortnight after the front sparked off the latest round of fighting with an assault on Ethiopian army lines in the northeast, it has managed to retain its own positions. They are lodged in the mountains, protected by a vast network of trenches and underground shelters. They have tanks and artillery captured from the Ethiopians in the past few years.

The EPLF forces, who are backed by more than 4,000 militants of the People's Liberation Front from the neighboring province of Tigre, still hold the Sahel Massif. It became the rebels' bastion when they fell back in 1975 after having pushed as far forward as the gates of Asmara, the provincial capital, and the port of Massawa.

The Ethiopian Army has tried in vain to breach the EPLF lines at several points along the warfront, which stretches from the border with Sudan down to some 40 kms south of this town.

The front line lies parallel to the Rd Sea. The Ethiopian Army holds the plans between it and the mountains.

Ethiopian warplanes and heavy artillery laid down a massive barrage in the latest fighting. Waves of MiGs 21 and 23 followed one another apace full along the front, and the pressure was maintained with nighttime bombardments.

But those raids failed to weaken the EPLF positions, so far as this correspondent could ascertain in visits to various sectors of the front line in the northeast and the Nakfa region. Moreover, the air raids lessened

considerably in intensity after Feb. 20. The EPLF said that was a result of an attack it made the day before on Asmara airport. The EPLF said it had not only withstood an Ethiopian attack in the neighboring province of Barka, west of the Sahel region, but had managed to push the government troops back some 40 kms, inflicting heavy losses on them. The front also reported making some sorties against the Ethiopians around Asmara, Massawa and Keren.

According to the field command of the secessionists, at least six Ethiopian divisions were committed to the battle, and they were estimated to have lost heavily all along the front line. Nearly 10,000 soldiers were killed and wounded or taken prisoner. The Eritreans said they had captured a large quantity of weapons and other war material.

EPLF leaders refused to say what their own casualties were. An Eritrean doctor said there were 500 wounded. The front has accused the Ethiopians of using poison gas during this latest offensive, citing in particular the engagement on Feb. 15 in the north-east. Affected fighters suffered from vomiting, breathing difficulties and eye trouble, a doctor said. He had been unable to analyze the gas, but the front was stocking atropine and other antidotes against organo-phosphorous gases. Many of the fighters already carry gas masks made locally of cloth with charcoal filters. The correspondent was also shown tear-gas grenades of American and German make which the fighters said they recovered from the bodies of Ethiopian soldiers.

EPLF military leaders reckon that as from Feb. 22, the Ethiopian offensive the sixth since 1978, had already been blocked, with the government army being badly weakened, despite aid from the Soviet Union, Libya and South Yemen.

The positions still held by the front, along with its organization and determination,

suggest it is capable of thwarting the Ethiopians, whose offensive against the freedom fighters was proclaimed a long time ago by Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam.

But it does not look as if the front can, in the immediate future, recover the ground it has lost in the past few years, given the imbalance in men and equipment. The EPLF is in practical terms the only one of the various Eritrean movements still on the ground. Its leaders say they will basically for the moment to gain from the repercussions in the army and the internal political situation of any further setbacks to the government's bid to crush the Eritrean resistance movement once and for all.

Hitting back at their new offensive in Eritrea, the Ethiopian authorities condemned "meddling" in their internal affairs by the Arab League and France's ruling Socialist Party.

In a response issued by officials of the "Red Star" campaign from the Eritrean capital Asmara, they said they were deliberately attempting to mislead international public opinion on developments in the Eritrea region. The Red Star campaign was launched by the government in Addis Ababa in January with the aim of crushing the 20-year-old rebellion in Eritrea and rebuilding the province's war-shattered economy.

On Friday, the Arab League secretariat in Tunis called for an end to "repeated attacks against the Eritrean people." It expressed "profound concern" at Ethiopia's latest offensive against the freedom fighters, and called on the government to recognize legitimate Eritrean claims to self-determination.

A day earlier, the international secretariat of the French Socialist Party called for the "withdrawal of foreign troops" from Eritrea as well as self-determination.

The French Socialists condemned the new large-scale offensive launched in Eritrea by the Ethiopian Army.

In speaking out on Palestinian rights

Mitterrand will have delicate task in Israel

TEL AVIV, March 1 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand faces the delicate task of making two speeches in Israel that are likely to annoy either the Israelis or the Arabs or both, diplomatic observers said here.

Mitterrand is the first West European head of state to run the diplomatic risk of coming to Israel, which has been shunned by practically every country except the United States. Officials of isolated Israel admit that his visit Wednesday and Thursday will be an unhelped development after practically all governments denounced Israel for its air raids on Iraq and Lebanon, and its annexations of Syria's Golan Heights.

Therefore, Israeli leaders have refrained from scathing criticism of French official statements that the Palestinians have a right to a state of their own. But Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government hopes Mitterrand's trip will not merely be a goodwill gesture. They hope that France will restrain the European Common Market countries from taking pro-Arab initiatives from now on instead of

urging them to do so as in the past.

If Mitterrand's address to Israel's parliament fails to mention the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), that would be a gift for Begin. But it is quite likely the French leader will give some advice the Israelis won't like. For, his aim in coming is to be friendlier than previous French presidents in an effort to gain some influence over Israel.

He has explained that he will come "neither as a mediator nor arbitrator but as a friend who does not need to flatter — so that they will count on him."

(A French official in Paris said his goal was to first persuade the Israelis he is a friend, and then warn them their long range security depends on striking a bargain with the PLO.)

But neither France alone nor the whole ten-nation European Economic Community (EEC) has the means to replace the United

States as the country Israel relies on, Israeli officials point out.

Mitterrand's overtures to Israel after the coolness of his predecessors have shaken Arab confidence in France. Arab governments have reserved their final judgement until they hear what stand he takes in Israel. So his trip will be an acid test of French intentions from the Arab viewpoint.

During Mitterrand's stay, his Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson will meet here with Palestinian mayors from the Israeli-occupied Jordan West Bank. But Cheysson's initiative is likely to strike a sour note in Israel without being enough to please the Arab world.

President Mitterrand's success or failure in gaining some influence might encourage other West European leaders to follow in his footsteps here or dissuade them.

Iran-Iraq peace eludes for 18 months

TEHRAN, March 1 (AFP) — With the war between Iran and Iraq now entering its 18th month, moves by three different international bodies have been renewed in the past week to mediate between the two sides.

A United Nations mission led by former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme visited the capitals of the two countries last week at the bidding of U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to present a ceasefire plan. Saturday Cuba moved to summon a speedy meeting of the nonaligned countries' mediation committee, while almost at the same time it was announced that the Organization of Islamic Conferences (OIC) good offices commission would convene next Friday at Jeddah. Palme's visit to Baghdad and Tehran had been preceded by contact with the two sides, who had indicated willingness "to reach a settlement of the conflict," a spokesman said.

Likewise, according to reports, there had been earlier "intensive contacts" with both governments by the chairman of the OIC panel President Sekou Toure of Guinea. The two sides had given him "full support" for mediation, it was stated.

The last mediation attempt by the OIC panel on Oct. 7 came to nothing after its Secretary-General Habib Chatti proposed a ceasefire and withdrawal by Iraq back inside its frontiers, to be followed up by peace negotiations. Though Iraq agreed to these terms, Iran took it as a proof of weakness on the enemy's part and turned the proposals down.

However, when Palme visited Tehran Saturday there were certain signs of a more flexible approach by the Iranians, observers said.

Sahara, the agency said.

The minister was referring to a controversy over the official admission of the disputed Saharan Arab Democratic Republic to last week's OAU ministerial meeting in Addis Ababa. A total of 19 states walked out of the stormy meeting to protest against SADR's admission, provoking the biggest split in the OAU's 19-year history.

Morocco has been trying to block admission to the OAU of the state, declared by the Polisario Front who have been fighting Moroccan forces in the former Spanish colony for some six years.

RABAT, 1 March 1 (AFP) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta has said that the Western Sahara independence movement has suffered a diplomatic defeat at the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Boucetta, speaking at a festival in honor of the Moroccan monarchy Sunday, said the "enemy" of Moroccan "territorial integrity" has just suffered yet another diplomatic defeat. The Moroccan news agency Map reported. This had been achieved "thanks to the efforts, wisdom and far-sightedness" of King Hassan II, he said in a speech to more than 20,000 people at Layoun in Western

Ecevit case remanded to lower court

ANKARA, March 1 (R) — Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit appeared before a civil court here Monday charged with insulting a police chief two years ago.

But the court decided to refer the case back to legal authorities in the central Anatolian town of Nevsehir, where the alleged incident occurred in June, 1980, three months before the military takeover. Legal sources said this was tantamount to dropping the case.

Ecevit, who was then opposition leader, was accused of insulting the Nevsehir police chief after shots were fired near Ecevit's party during a rally. Several persons were wounded. In his statement to the court denying the charge, Ecevit said Nevsehir had been a stronghold of rightist extremists before the coup, at a time when both rightists and leftists had created "liberated zones" in Turkish towns and cities.

In support of this, Ecevit's lawyer told the court that Mehmet Ali Aga, the man convicted in Italy of shooting the Pope last year, had received a false passport in Nevsehir which allowed him to get out of Turkey despite being an escaped convict in 1979.

Greek Cypriots assured backing by Papandreou

STROVOLOS REFUGEE ESTATE, Cyprus, March 1 (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou told thousands of cheering Greek Cypriot refugees here Monday he will work ceaselessly until they return to their homes.

The visit to the refugee estate housing 6,000 out of the 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees was the last official function of Papandreou's three-day visit. "I am more moved than ever today visiting you in your place of temporary residence, and I want to assure you I am determined to struggle until your return," Papandreou declared as the refugees, men, women and children of all ages cheered wildly.

In his brief address, his voice shaking with emotion, Papandreou declared: "Our partners and allies should finally realize the huge responsibility they have taken on by tolerating the butchery of the Cyprus republic, by tolerating the violent and savage occupation of 36.3 percent of its territory by the Turks."

Papandreou said: "It is time the voice of Greece is finally heard. My refugee brothers, Greece seeks nothing that does not belong to it. Greece believes and supports peace in the Aegean, the Mediterranean and the whole world. But Greece will not yield a single inch of its sea, air or ground space to the refugee brothers, I leave you with this message."

U.S. to admit Afghan refugees

KARACHI, March 1 (AFP) — Some 1,000 Afghan refugees will be granted entry to the United States this year, a spokesman for the U.S. Consulate General said here Monday.

He added that the U.S. government had fixed the number of refugees of all nationalities to be allowed entry during 1982 at 5,000. A U.S. immigration officer was in Pakistan recently to interview Afghan refugees who wanted to emigrate to America. A number of them were granted permission to enter the United States, while others were rejected because they did not come under the "international definition of refugee," or because they had applied for entry on "general humanitarian grounds."

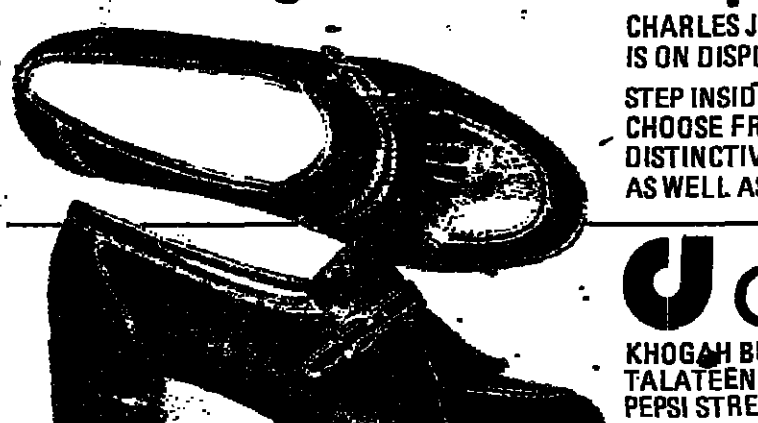
BRIEFS

KHARTOUM, (R) — A car bomb exploded near Khartoum's main oil depot Sunday, destroying a truck but causing no casualties, the official Sudanese news agency (SUNA) reported Monday.

LONDON, (R) Five men were executed in Iran's western city of Ilam Sunday on various charges including spying for Iraq, the Tehran newspaper *Kayhan* said Monday. The five had been found guilty of spying, smuggling foreign currency and arms, illegal trips abroad, masterminding plots against the republic, adultery and robbery.

PARIS, (AFP) — The Libyan equivalent of a parliament is to hold a special sitting Wednesday, the state news agency JANA said in a report received here Sunday night.

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'Customs war' to halt flow of scarce goods to Communist states

By Colla McIntyre

VIENNA (R) — The economic crunch in Eastern Europe has led to a "customs war" aimed at protecting scarce consumer goods from the ravages of "shopping tourists" from neighboring Communist states.

New restrictions on tourists taking out goods bought for "soft" East Bloc currency, introduced in most East European countries over the past few months, could significantly affect tourism within the bloc, Western diplomats say.

The restrictions are a blow to the dream of unrestricted travel between "fraternal" Communist countries that surfaced in 1972 with the opening of the borders between East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland they add.

With prices in Communist countries set by central authorities rather than laws of supply and demand, the cost and availability of popular items often vary widely between different countries, something tourists are quick to spot.

But with food and consumer goods in short supply following disappointing harvests and diminishing growth throughout the bloc, governments have decided to limit or impose heavy tariffs on what can be shipped out.

Many goods in Eastern Europe are sold at prices well below their cost of production, meaning that the state subsidizes foreign tourists who buy them.

In addition the unwieldy centrally-planned Communist systems are usually unable to react to sudden rushes in demand for certain goods by producing more at short notice. As a result, cross-border shopping raids often lead therefore to shortages and domestic dissatisfaction.

Some of the new measures were originally prompted by the catastrophic economic situation in Poland, which sent Poles flooding over their borders in search of consumer goods.

Following a series of successively stricter regulations on Polish tourism in the late 1970s, East Berlin cut the flow of shopping tourists to a trickle in mid-1980 by introducing tight currency regulations and insisting on invitation-only trips.

Shortly afterwards Czechoslovakia introduced similar exchange regulations for Polish tourists, which also cut the flow of tourists from Poland.

But over the past year there has been a rash of new measures throughout the bloc that seem to be aimed not just at Polish tourists, but tourists from other Communist countries, as well.

In September, Hungary, where a liberalized economy has brought relative prosperity and a range of Western consumer goods, published a long list of items prohibited from export.

They ranged from staples such as meat, sugar, rice and cheese to children's clothes, medicine, imported toys and enamel ware. The restrictions appeared to be aimed largely at Czechoslovakians looking for goods unavailable at home and Austrians looking for bargains.

In November, a new list was published in Hungary which banned the export of all food, cigarettes and coffee.

In the same month Bulgaria introduced bans on the export of a wide range of goods and stiff tariffs on others. The bans cover meat, flour, sugar, cooking oil and rice, as well as children's clothes, electrical appliances and household utensils.

Tinned foods, coffee, red pepper, and some industrial products can be taken out on payment of up to 300 percent duty.

The official Bulgarian press said the new measures were "for the protection of the home market" as many foreigners had been taking advantage of lower prices in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian measures appeared to be aimed primarily at shopping tourists from neighbouring Romania, where food shortages have forced Bucharest to ration bread for the first time since the World War II.

Last December, Czechoslovakia stepped in with its own measures, including a ban on the export of many goods including food, drink, clothing and tobacco, and the introduction of special permits for taking out many others.

Czechoslovakia has one of the highest living standards in the bloc, but faced with a stagnating economy, a poor harvest and a cut in Soviet oil deliveries, it is clearly anxious about keeping its own population satisfied.

On Jan. 1, Romania introduced its own restrictions on exports, mainly of foodstuffs, presumably to protect its already scarce stocks. Even goods bought for "hard" Western currency, which are normally exempted from restrictions, can be taken out only in limited quantities.

The 1972 border agreement between East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland allowed visa-free travel and unlimited purchases of goods for personal use.

The agreement was hailed at the time as a milestone that would increase the exchange of ideas, and eventually lead to improvements in the quality of life.

But the experiment quickly ran into problems. East Germans flocked to Czechoslovakia where shops were better stocked, partly as deliberate policy to placate a population still restless from the Prague spring reform movement.

After looking on for a few weeks with increasing apprehension as scarce goods like sardines and citrus fruits disappeared from the shelves, the Prague authorities stepped in and clamped export restrictions back on.

Meanwhile, groups of Poles armed with long lists of requests from friends and relatives descended on East German shops for bulk-buying sprees. Though this aggravated local shortages and led to resentment and occasional violent encounters, the new relaxations held for some time before being gradually whittled away by restrictions.

Diplomats in East Europe said it was too early to say how the latest restrictions would affect tourism within the bloc. In 1979 around nine million Czechoslovakians and about as many East Germans visited other Communist countries.



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Waiting years to enter the U.S.

'Boat people' in Indonesia feel lost, asylum camps can be very dangerous

By Gilles Bertin

GALANG ISLAND, Indonesia, (AFP) — Out of sight and all but out of mind 14,000 Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees are today camped on a forsaken Indonesian island 10 kilometers (six miles) long, just to the south of the Straits of Singapore.

They are — in the almost bygone expression — "boat people", the apparently endless tail end of that great sea exodus which reached crisis proportions in mid-1979 when refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia began arriving in other South-East Asian countries at the rate of more than 50,000 a month.

The "boat people" are still arriving. The Indonesian government is again expecting many tens of thousands more Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees to sail south next month, once the monsoon season is over and the sea is calmer.

Galang (the island of duels) is where these two ethnically different refugee communities are mixed together in more or less harmonious co-existence in two crowded transit camps.

Galang-2 camp contains 7,500 refugees who are waiting out the long months for their appointed turn to leave for their new country of adoption — the United States, Canada, France, West Germany.

Galang-1, where some 6,500 impatient Vietnamese are waiting, is a first asylum camp: its inmates have found no foster-country to accept them.

For the Cambodians and Vietnamese in Galang-2 the wait is between seven and 18 months. For the people of Galang-1, it may take them a year just to get into Galang-2.

Though each family has one room and a kitchen, they are packed together with about 12 other families. Fights between neighbors are quick to flare.

Incidents are routine between the Vietnamese and Cambodian communities in Galang-2.

Many families have been separated from some of their members, dead or left behind in the homeland. Depression and nervous ailments are endemic. Suicides are frequent. A number of refugees died recently after drinking methanol fuel and one was left blind.

Fresh vegetables are scarce, mail deliveries are unreliable, and there is a nightly curfew between 10 p.m. and dawn.

The Indonesian government opened the island to the boat people in 1979. The camps are run by the army, with help from international humanitarian bodies, notably the Red Cross and the U.S.-based Save-the-Children Fund. The Cambodian refugees on Galang have arrived from overcrowded transit camps in the frontier zone with Thailand where they had initially fled to escape the Khmer Rouge regime at home.

The Vietnamese on the island left their homeland for political or economic reasons. They are for the most part peasants or fishing people.

For both groups the long sea crossing by

small boat from the Indochinese mainland was a gamble with death. According to sources in Galang, one craft out of two making the voyage in the monsoon season between October and February is lost at sea.

About 30 other boats have vanished without trace en route for Australia.

Last year one boat with 52 refugees aboard drifted for six weeks before being washed ashore with a solitary survivor who had kept alive only by eating human flesh.

Pirates are another peril. One young Vietnamese woman told how the boat she was in was accosted by Thai pirates only a few hours after putting to sea.

"We were robbed and the pirates raped 12 women and a nine-year-old child," she said. "The pirates held us for five days before abandoning us on an island, where other pirates found us later. Ten days afterwards we were sighted by a naval vessel, which escorted us to Thailand."

Though the two camps are run efficiently enough by the army and the refugees' own camp committees, and though the Indonesian Red Cross organization has set up a hospital on Galang, the boat people feel forgotten and abandoned.

Many of those who have hopes of settling in a new country are set on emigrating to the United States, although if their application is accepted they face a wait of up to 18 months.

Some of the delay appears to be the result of new restrictions on accepting boat people introduced by the Reagan administration.

Hooked on Classics

Clark describes his pop-classic combination as fun but a nightmare

By Dennis Hunt

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Most pop music fans tend not to like their classical music straight. They prefer it with the symphonic layers peeled off, leaving only a hummable melody that can be served up in some trendy pop form.

Examples of "popped up" classical music from *A Fifth of Beethoven* and *Bumble Boogie*, to the discoized *Theme From 2001*. It's fun to hear these mostly stately melodies immersed in peppy pop rhythms.

The latest of these classical tampering is *Hooked on Classics*, a top 10 single on RCA records that was assembled by arranger-composer-keyboardist Louis Clark and performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. On this one, familiar melodies from works like Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumble Bee*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Grieg's piano concerto in A Minor have been strung together and revived up to mesh with a bouncy disco beat. The surprise hit of the winter, the single has boosted the *Hooked on Classics* album into the top 10.

To most pop fans, the single and album are merely cute diversions. Other, however, are fuming at what they consider a desecration of great works.

"Some of the high-brow newspapers in England were a bit uncomplimentary," explained Clark, who seemed amused by it all. "I haven't destroyed the classics. People don't have to listen to these records. The original versions and the original scores are still around for people to enjoy. *Hooked on Classics* is just fun. It's not meant to harm anything."

All this had made Clark, a 34-year-old Englishman with a lazy, rather distant manner, an instant celebrity. He's still befuddled by it all. At breakfast at his hotel, he kept saying he was surprised — though also rather pleased — by all the fuss being made about him.

Last year before the *Hooked on Classics* fanfare, Clark, who normally works behind the scenes, grew somewhat accustomed to being surrounded by media. However, in that situation, an Electric Light Orchestra tour, the focus wasn't on him. All the media representatives were hounding Jeff Lynne, the leader of ELO.

On that tour Clark was playing a synthesizer that simulated an orchestra string section.

Though he had been arranging and conducting string parts for ELO albums since 1974, this was his first tour with that band — or any major rock band.

Clark, who hadn't been on stage since playing bass for an obscure '60s rock band, is well known for arranging and conducting strings on rock albums. His most recent credit is Ozzy Osbourne's hit album *Diary of a Madman*.

"I've done a lot of projects," Clark observed, "but *Hooked on Classics* is probably the strangest."

The *Hooked on Classics* single and album were big hits in England last year. "We never thought they'd go over in America," Clark said. "The success here is a complete shock. With the music business in a slump the way it is, maybe Americans were ready for a diversion like this. When very little is selling, often something as different as this will sell."

Though he did most of the work of *Hooked on Classics*, it wasn't Clark's idea. He was hired by Don Reedman, who co-produced this album. Reedman and co-producer Don Jarratt were working for K-Tel label famed for packaging greatest hits albums — which released the album in England. K-Tel was merely cashing in on a trend. Medley singles, featuring snippets of hits by the Beatles or the Beach Boys or the Bee Gees, were the rage in England last summer. So the producers figured it was a perfect time for a single offering bits of classical melodies pulsating at a disco tempo.

For Clark, the assignment was part fun and part nightmare. "In putting the single together," he recalled, "I had to do lots of research and go through tons of scores to find out which bits we wanted to use. We wound up using 17 or 18 bits. Then there was the problem of getting them to fit into that disco beat. Some of the pieces were originally written to be played at that kind of tempo, but a lot of them had to be adapted to that fast tempo. Some were in 3/4 time and so they had to be changed to 4/4 time."

"Some were never written for an orchestra in the first place so I had to orchestrate them and make them fit this format. In some of the older pieces the orchestration was very thin so I had to beef it up to make it fit in with everything else. There was also a problem with key. They were in different keys so it was

hard to fit the end of one to the beginning of another. Changing keys created a new series of problems."

"But the biggest problem of all was just getting all the bits of flow from one to the other and sound natural and not disjointed. Putting this together was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle."

That was only the beginning. When the single became a hit, Clark was hired to do the album. He had to go through the whole process many more times to assemble pieces like *Hooked on Bach*, *Hooked on Tchaikovsky* and *Hooked on Mozart*.

Clark is smart enough to know that he can't make a career out of this. Artists who make novelty records are usually one-hit wonders. Still, he plans to record another album like *Hooked on Classics* in the spring and, if there's enough interest, to tour this summer.



REAGAN'S BIRDROOM: U.S. President Ronald Reagan is shown here after a long day resting in his elegant bedroom in the White House. One of the most striking features of the room is the flock of birds patterned in the wallpaper.

Separatist win worries Canadians

By John Rogers

OTTAWA (R) — When the farmers of Olds-Didsbury, Alberta, whooped it up and hurled their cowboy hats into the air to celebrate Western Separatist Gordon Kesler's election victory, it wasn't because they really wanted to quit Canada.

They were telling Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in Ottawa and Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed in Edmonton they felt both governments had ignored their views and interests too long.

Kesler, 36, a personable oilman and part-time rodeo rider, confounded all expectations when he won the Olds-Didsbury seat in the Alberta legislature earlier this month and became the first avowed Western Separatist to win a seat in any province.

He gathered more than 4,000 votes, 42 percent of the total, and set other Canadians wondering, and perhaps worrying.

Kesler was running for the tiny Western Canada Concept Party, one of three political groups which want the resource-rich Western Provinces — British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba — to get a better deal out of Canada or get out and form a separate state.

Commentators quickly noted that by-elections often produce protest-vote upsets, and the voters of Olds-Didsbury were very conservative even by rural Alberta standards.

Few saw the election result as the harbinger of a big separatist movement that could win power in Alberta.

But it gave federal and provincial politicians reason to reflect, and prompted comparisons — despite many fundamental differences — with the rise of the Separatist Party Quebecois in Quebec from small beginnings to power in 1976.

The impact of Kesler's victory was all the greater because Canadians felt Western Separatist feeling, which was strong a year ago, had receded to the political fringe.

It grew last year when Ottawa and Alberta were at bitter loggerheads over oil pricing and constitutional reforms. But they eventually reached agreements, and Separatism waned.

Politicians and commentators agreed on one thing at least — that Kesler's victory should be taken seriously.

"There's little chance of a Separatist government in the west, and one election is not proof of a new wave of Separatist strength, but it is clear that the oilbarons were premature," said the Toronto *Globe and Mail*.

Celebrating his victory, Kesler said Premier Lougheed, of the establishment progressive Conservative Party, was as much a target of the Separatists as Prime Minister Trudeau, their public enemy number one.

He accused Lougheed of neglecting local agriculture and the oil industry while busying himself with national politics.

There was speculation that Lougheed, firmly ensconced in power with 73 of the 79 assembly seats, might call a provincial general election to crush the Western Canada concept, though he does not need to for another year.

Some analysts thought anger over recent federal policies, including rail service cuts and plans to review cheap rail freight rates for wheat, contributed to Kesler's victory.

Western Nationalists feel they get a raw deal anyway in a country dominated by eastern business and political interests.

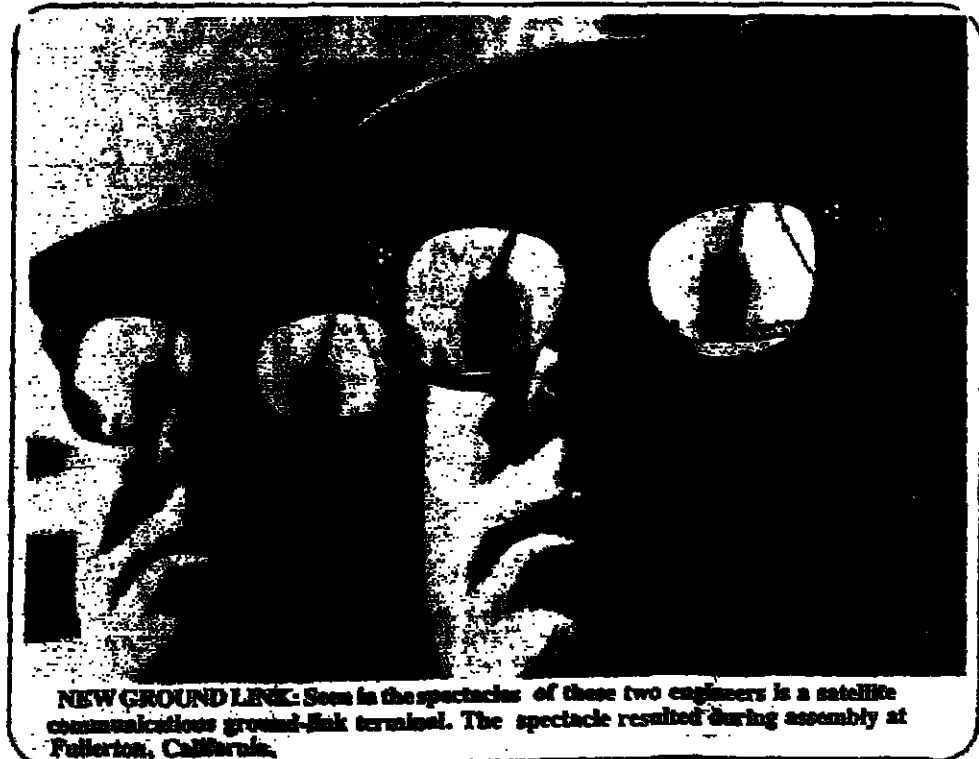
They resent a system in which Trudeau's Liberal Party holds power on the basis of its strength in populous, industrial Ontario and Quebec, without a single parliamentary seat west of the central city of Winnipeg.

Kesler said his victory would reinforce the feeling "that Western Canadians, in particular Albertans, are serious about wanting a voice in the federal system."

The Edmonton *Journal* reflected the same view, saying the election outcome was "the cry of a people who feel disenfranchised in Canadian politics. It is the symptom of a fundamentally sick national political system that has consigned Alberta to political impotence in Ottawa."

Trudeau said the vote was mainly against Lougheed, but also accused federal and provincial politicians from the west of whipping up "hate propaganda" against Ottawa, of which the Separatist election victory was a result.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



NEW GROUND LINE: Seen in the spectacles of these two engineers is a satellite communications ground-link terminal. The spectacle resulted during assembly at Fullerton, California.

Anti-nerve gas enzyme detoxifies lethal agents

By Philip J. Hines

WASHINGTON (WP) — An Illinois researcher has discovered an enzyme that can neutralize the deadly nerve gases of both the United States and the Soviet Union, according to a paper that will be published March 5 in *Science Magazine*.

The enzyme works against both Soman, the nerve agent the Soviets have stockpiled, and Sarin, the one the United States has in its stockpiles.

If it tests outside the laboratory, this may be the first non-corrosive, anti-nerve gas material strong enough to detoxify the lethal nerve agents.

Passing the nerve gases through a filtered tube containing the enzyme will break them down into relatively harmless by-products, says Francis Hoskins of the Illinois Institute of Technology, discoverer of the enzyme.

"The by-products are harmless as soda pop," said Hoskins. "But I suppose as soon as I say that, someone will point out the cancer-causing potential of soda pop." In any case, Hoskins said he has drunk the by-products without harm.

He discovered the enzyme working with squid, whose nerves are immune to nerve gases.

— no more than a speck the size of a pinhead resting on the skin can kill in two to eight minutes.

Other chemicals can detoxify nerve agents, but they are corrosive to metal and harmful to the skin. The enzyme has the additional advantage of being a biological product that may be somewhat less likely to be rejected by the body.

The enzyme will now be studied to find out if it also eventually may:

— Be developed as a quick antidote that might be injected into the body after an attack, or possibly beforehand as a preventive measure.

— Be useful in detoxifying the chemical stockpiles of the nations.

— Neutralize the toxic effects of nerve gas after it has been sprayed in an area or on clothing.

Dr. Shirley Tove of the Army Research Office, which funded the studies on the enzyme, says it is too early to tell how the enzyme might be most useful, but "it is very important basic research in detoxification" because there are few, if any, good defenses against nerve agents.

She said it is possible to imagine uses of the enzymes to protect or decontaminate "clothing, tanks, ships, and so on, as we would be worried."

Cancer risks cited U.S. bans formaldehyde insulations

WASHINGTON (WP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission, citing possible cancer hazards, has ordered a ban on all future sales of home insulation made with formaldehyde.

As many as half a million homes have been insulated with formaldehyde foam since the mid-1970s as part of a massive government campaign to convince homeowners to conserve energy. Last year, formaldehyde foam sales totaled about \$10 million.

The commission ruling does not cover homes already insulated with formaldehyde foam. Commission officials advise consumers to leave the insulation alone if they have not experienced any health problems.

If problems have occurred, then consumers must solve them on their own, perhaps by taking such drastic steps as ripping out the insulation. Commission and industry officials estimate it could cost \$15,000 to remove existing formaldehyde insulation from homes — more than 10 times the original installation cost.

The commission, in a 4-to-1 vote, conclu-

ded that a ban was the only effective way to protect consumers from the formaldehyde gas that is frequently released after the insulation is installed.

Formaldehyde has been shown to cause cancer in animals, and in humans it is known to cause such adverse health effects as nausea, headaches, dizziness, respiratory ailments, bloody noses and eye and skin irritations.

It was chiefly the fear that formaldehyde might cause cancer in humans that led the commission to call the insulation an "unreasonable health risk."

The commission rejected industry pleas for a less onerous regulatory plan — either labeling or a mandatory installation standard. The ban is to take effect within five months, although the commission could change that timetable.

The ban drew immediate praise from consumer groups, which called it their first major victory from the Reagan administration.

Industry groups, however, denounced the commission's action. The Formaldehyde Ins-

titute, which represents manufacturers, called the ban an "abuse of regulatory power," unjustified by medical and scientific findings.

The manufacturers and installers vowed to appeal the ban in the courts as well as Congress, which under recently enacted legislation has the power to veto a commission regulation.

The move to ban urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, or UF-foam as it is commonly called, was led by commission Chairman Nancy Harvey Steorts, a Reagan appointee who has frequently voiced strong opposition to mandatory standards and bans, preferring voluntary industry programs instead.

But, Steorts said, "I have concluded there is not a voluntary solution to this problem... no standard — voluntary or mandatory — can assure the consumer of an installation of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation that will adequately reduce the risk of formaldehyde off-gassing."

Steorts was supported by commissioners R. David Pittle, Edith Barksdale Sloan and Sam Zagoria.

Medical
Traffic Cop



By Peter J.
Steinbock

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinbock: Which gives you more satisfaction: diagnosing and treating a patient or writing your medical column? — Mrs. B.

Dear Mrs. B.: It's like asking whether I like chocolate ice cream more than vanilla. It happens I like them both.

It is a great satisfaction to know that some of the millions of daily readers have been saved from cancer or a heart attack; or, at least, have found relief from discomfort — whatever their ailments.

I agree there is something about the actual doctor-patient relationship that is precious. Face-to-face confrontation, the laying on of the hands, the giving of advice and personal encouragement: such are the satisfactions.

But what greater fulfillment than to be a competent medical "traffic cop"? To be able to guide so many through the maze of medical problems so many encounter?

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To help them find the right doctor; to relieve them of anxieties; to tell them you hope?

Yesterday I received this note: "Our doctor asked me to write and tell you that you saved me from cancer by advising an early checkup." — Mrs. G. (See what I mean, Mrs. B.?)

Dear Doctors: I've been reading about the need for treating high blood pressure in magazines and in books also. After all, who wants a stroke or a heart attack?

But I happen to be 72 and am afraid of taking drugs to manage my pressure (now 184/100). A 70-year-old friend was feeling fine until she began to take medicines for her pressure. She became weak and dizzy.

Her doctor admitted that perhaps the medicine prescribed was too strong. Now her pressure has come down to normal by simply losing weight and cutting down on salt. Why can't I try this first? — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: Excellent idea. In the elderly, especially, drug

treatment should be begun with small doses gradually increased. Like your friend, overtreatment in the beginning may produce unpleasant symptoms.

How is your weight? And your own habits of salt intake? Do you smoke? Live under great tension?

Many hypertensive patients can lower their pressures — without medication — if they lose weight, eat less salt, quit smoking and try to decrease excessive tension in their lives.

Pressure comes down to acceptable levels, under such conditions, without drug treatment. It lessens the need for the doctor to prescribe vasodilators, beta-blockers, inhibitors of autonomic (nervous) activity or other medicines to control high blood pressure.

However, if the simple measures fail, no elderly patient with hypertension should refuse medication with the modern drugs that are so useful. In the elderly as well as in the middle-aged, such treatment will defer severe complications such as kidney failure, stroke or heart attack.

Your own physician, Mrs. Y., will decide whether or not you need medicines.

MEDICALETTERS
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinbock: My husband is tearing himself apart with hate and resentment. I know he'll get sick from it all. — Mrs. O.

Dear Mrs. O.: As I've said here quite often, resentment can bore a hole in your stomach (ulcer) or raise your blood pressure, or fill a coronary artery with gunk (cholesterol, fats, etc.) and cause a heart attack.

Perhaps Marcus Aurelius Antoninus can knock some sense into your husband. He wrote: "A man must not be angry with, or hate, his fellow man — for we are made for cooperation like feet, like hands, like eyelids, like the rows of upper and lower teeth. To act against one another is contrary to nature."

Tomorrow: Beta and calcium blockers



CRACKED WALL? Majestic columns appear inside this cracked wall in an illusion created by the artist, John Pugh, standing at right. The 25 foot high work of art is a very clever mural painted on the wall of a lecture hall at the California State University in Chico, California. It took the artist six months to complete. Persons seeing it for the first time have to touch it to see if it is real.

Manila science, technology conferees will discuss solving Asian problems

By Paul Icamina

MANILA (Depthnews) — Thirteen years after Asian ministers first met in New Delhi in 1968 to tackle the issues of science and technology, the most dominant fact in the region today remains the sheer number of people that development must serve. More to the point, Asia has tremendous potentials to build its local technological, industrial and economic capacities, but it will need more liberal access to the world's financial and technological resources.

In March 1982, in Manila, UNESCO will again convene the Second Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and Those Responsible for Economic Planning in Asia and the Pacific. The rather long name has been shortened to Castasia II, but the problems remain long, if not longer. The conference will examine recent trends and current situations in the region, before considering a number of specific policy issues currently or likely to become important in the '80s. Prospects for international and regional cooperation will also be tackled.

The region covers almost half of the world,

composed of large and medium-sized countries, some city states, some of the least developed land-locked countries and a number of island states. The predominant character of the economy is rural and based on agriculture, the latter accounting for 30-66 percent of GDP (gross domestic product) and providing 40-93 percent of employment.

Only a few countries have a broad and diversified economic structure comprising agriculture, light and heavy industries and extensive internal and external trade. Some depend heavily on one or two primary agricultural commodities or mineral extracts for their export earnings.

The trade of Pacific island countries constitutes a very high percentage of their GDP. Typically, 75-80 percent of the business turnover and domestic capital formation in these countries is carried out by foreign firms, and the heavy dependence on trade and foreign skills means that the momentum of change is not totally a local decision.

While natural resources differ, so have the particular strategies of industrialization pursued. The less developed nations have leaned more towards developing a basic industrial infrastructure and, in a number of cases, seek

to capitalize on the more productive export of agricultural products. Some have used free trade zones and cheap labor as means of attracting foreign capital.

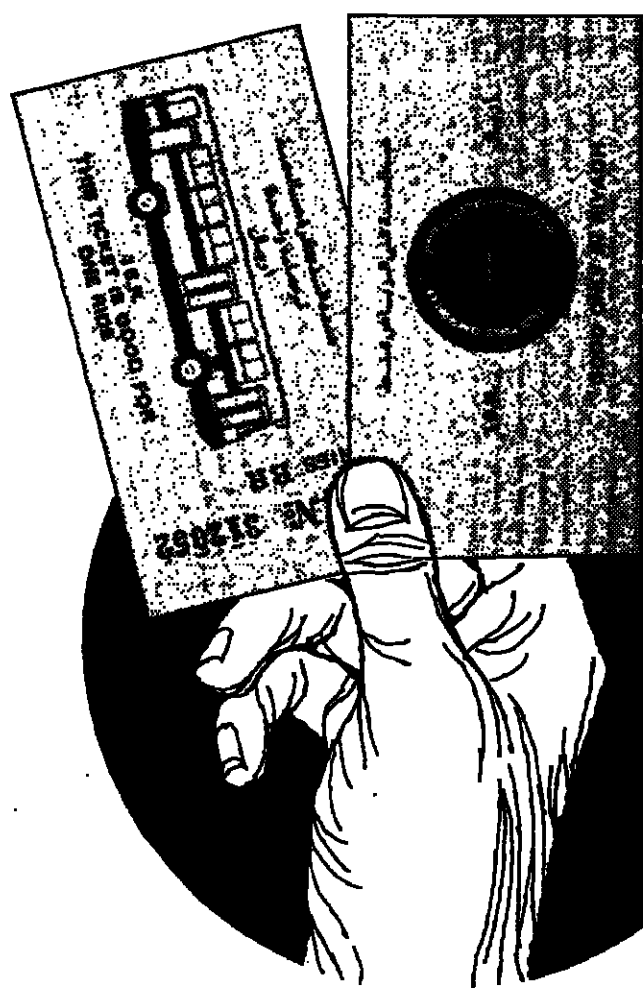
Others, like South Korea and Japan, have already developed an industrial base and are now moving into the more competitive high technological skill industries. Singapore is also moving toward this direction but still lacks the broader industrial base and local technical capability that exists, for example, in Japan. China has a multiple strategy which promotes mechanization, semi-mechanization and labor productivity. Australia, on the other hand, appears to be de-industrializing in favor of minerals exploitation.

Throughout Asia, industrialization has led to dramatic movements away from agriculture, with social and economic costs. The cost of energy dependence, for one, has increased dramatically. There has been a persistent increase in the import cost of foreign capital equipment to feed industrialization and spare parts to maintain it.

The generation of employment through industrialization has not kept pace with the displacement of the agricultural labor force.

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S. Africa right wing to set up new party

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, March 1 (Agencies) — Right-wing members of the ruling National Party, defeated in a confrontation over sharing power with non-whites, will bolt the party and form a new opposition, South African newspapers reported Monday.

The papers quoted Andries Treurnicht, suspended head of the Transvaal Province National Party as saying "I'm finished with the National Party." Treurnicht and 35 followers lost a key confrontation in the head committee of the provincial party, most powerful of the four provincial organizations that make up the National Party (NP) on Saturday.

Nixon dubbed shy, insecure

NEW YORK, March 1 (Agencies) — Henry Kissinger says former President Richard Nixon isolated himself in the White House because he was a "painfully shy" man afraid of meeting strangers.

In the second volume of his memoirs, which are being excerpted for a second week in *Time* magazine, Kissinger describes the man who appointed him national security adviser and secretary of state as "fearful of rejection" and "deeply insecure."

"No modern president could have been less equipped by nature for political life than Nixon, he wrote. But Kissinger also said no one working for Nixon "really knew the inner man."

Kissinger also discusses Watergate, saying there was "no excuse for the extra legal methods" used by Nixon and his associates during the coverup of the scandal.

He criticizes Nixon himself, saying that the "president cannot justify his own misdeeds by the excesses of his opponents." The former secretary says Nixon operated in a kind of vicious circle, noting that "the animosities of the president and his opposition fed on each other."

"If one lesson of Watergate is the danger of abuse of presidential power, another is that in a democracy, opposition must be restrained by a sense of civility and limits," he wrote.

Kissinger praised the role his former deputy, Alexander Haig, played during Watergate, saying "only those who lived through... those months can fully appreciate the debt the nation owes" Haig for "conveying the impression of a functioning White House" as Nixon's chief of staff.

Kissinger criticized John Ehrlichman, saying the former Nixon aide "responded with a zeal that was sometimes excessive" to assist and to news leaks within the administration. He also said H.R. Haldeman was "convinced that image deflected reality."

Haldeman, however, was not responsible for the president's isolation, Kissinger said. "Although he eventually was destroyed because he carried out the president's wishes too literally... many instructions given in the heat of emotion (by Nixon) never went further than the pads where Haldeman dutifully noted them."

The excerpts from *Years of Upheaval*, also said: "The greatest tribute Nixon received was the quiescence of the nations of the world while he lay mortally wounded. When a minor-league American bureaucrat dared to challenge him with impunity, foreign leaders almost without exception remained respectful."

"The majority did so because they have thought that they were better off with the internal system as it existed than with any alternative that they could imagine."

Kissinger poured praise on Nixon's accomplishments in foreign affairs but wrote that in the end Nixon "paid the price of congenial insecurity. Few men so needed to be loved and were so shy about the grandest love."

The issue was a statement by Prime Minister P.W. Botha that the government favored some form of "power sharing," a code word for giving the country's mixed-race and Asian-descent minorities some limited role in the government. At present, coloreds, Asians and blacks have no vote and no role in the white minority nationalist government. The right-wing NP members oppose any change in that policy.

"I made it quite clear at Saturday's meeting that if they insisted on retaining their unqualified support for the prime minister's interpretation of policy, I was finished and there would be no turning back," Treurnicht was quoted as saying. Treurnicht, dubbed "Dr. No" because of his opposition to race reform, was not available for comment Monday. A spokesman would not confirm the newspaper reports.

Treurnicht, Minister for State Administration, and other leaders of the rebellion were temporarily stripped of their powers in the provincial party, and are certain to lose their cabinet posts this week. A party caucus was scheduled for Wednesday.

The English-language *Rand Daily Mail* reported that 18 members of parliament were likely to join Treurnicht's new opposition party, which might be called something like the "Christian National Party" or the "Christian Democratic Party."

That would make the new grouping the second-largest opposition party in parliament. The nationalists now have 142 seats in the House of Assembly, including the rebels, while the anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party has 27 and the new Republic Party eight.

The *Mail* said Treurnicht supporters had ruled out an alliance with the ultra-conservative Herstigte (Reformed) National Party, which has no seats in parliament but won 14 percent of the votes in the last general election.

The Treurnicht threat could result in a major change in the political landscape and the calling of early general elections, according to some observers.

The pro-government *Citizen* newspaper said "what is certain is that the National Party monolith has cracked wide open" and African unity has been broken. "In such circumstances, alignments between pro-reform and anti-reform groups will become inevitable and the face of our politics will change radically."

Seychelles trial set for April 13

VICTORIA, Seychelles, March 1 (AP) — The Seychelles supreme court Monday set April 13 as the provisional date for the treason trial of seven foreigners captured here after an abortive, mercenary-led coup last Nov. 25.

The provisional date was agreed on after chief justice Earl Seaton said the trial of the six men and one woman was being delayed too long and should take place as soon as possible.

Defense lawyer Kieran Shah, who is representing six of the accused, had told the court the trial would have to be set for mid-May when his foreign counterpart from South Africa would be free. After a few minutes of discussions, however, all parties agreed that mid-May was too far away and set April 13 as the provisional date for the trial.

The seven mercenaries, making their sixth court appearance, were remanded until March 15. Seaton said that during their next court appearance, or before, they would plead and a jury would be selected. Seychelles law provides that foreigners may be charged with treason which carries a maximum penalty of death by hanging.

Representatives of the traditional aboriginal owners of the land where the uranium is located and by Pancontinental Mining Ltd., which has a 65 percent share in a joint venture set up to develop the vast deposit. The other 35 percent is owned by Getty Oil Development Co. Ltd.

Eric Pratt, a lawyer representing the Northern Land Council, which groups aboriginal leaders in the northern territory, said the agreement was initiated at the weekend after a year of negotiations.

Mining companies have to obtain agreement from local aborigines before beginning projects in the northern territory, which is administered by the federal government and where the original inhabitants have more rights than anywhere else in Australia. The agreement still has to be approved by the federal government and put to local aborigines for further comment.

The Jabiluka deposit, 250 kms east of Darwin, is estimated to contain more than 200,000 tons of uranium oxide. Pancontinental has said the mine is expected to have a life of 25 years and produce about \$20.5 billion worth of uranium.

The go-ahead for the mine has been delayed for many years due to government investigations on environmental impact, feasibility studies and a labor administration ban on uranium mining from 1972-75. These delays prevented the exploitation of Jabiluka and other deposits in the 1970s when uranium prices were high. The international market is now depressed.

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REFUGEE CHILD: A wide-eyed refugee child stares at the photographer after being awakened from his nap in a hemp hammock in the San Francisco Gotera refugee camp in El Salvador.

Reagan 'credibility gap' seen in El Salvador policy

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP) — As President Ronald Reagan escalates military support for El Salvador, his administration is being forced to defend its credibility against Democrats' charges that Americans are being misled about conditions in the war-torn Central American country.

Increasingly, Democrats are claiming that a Reagan "credibility gap" may become the latest parallel with the Vietnam War. "The administration is intent on following its ideology, it ignores the facts," charges Representative Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat, who visited El Salvador two weeks ago. "It tries to make the facts fit its ideology."

The defense of Reagan's Salvadoran policy has fallen largely to Thomas O. Enders, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, who also has drawn much of the criticism. In House and Senate testimony, Enders has depicted the civil war in El Salvador as "the decisive battle for Central America" and attacked organizations that compile human rights information about the country as biased in favor of the leftist guerrillas.

But some Democrats contend the administration has overstated the Soviet and Cuban support for leftist insurgents and slanted facts about the human rights situation in El Salvador.

"I, for one, am not and will not be satisfied with the administration's attempts to conceal, excuse or justify a consistent pattern of gross violations of... human rights," declared Representative Don Bonker, a Democrat from Washington and Chairman of a House Human Rights Subcommittee.

In recent testimony, Enders said: "Thanks to efforts by the (Salvadoran) military command, the levels of violence against non-combatants have fallen. All sides agree that the trend is downward." However, many sides — including Amnesty International — promptly disagreed, claiming that the Salvadoran military had killed more civilians in 1981 than in 1980, not fewer as Enders has maintained.

Questions have also been raised about Enders' attempts to play down U.S. news reports that Salvadoran troops allegedly massacred hundreds of civilians in rebel-controlled parts of Morazan province last December.

State Department officials insist their human rights assessment is "an honest one." Enders' spokesman, Jeffrey Biggs, said the assistant secretary was too busy this past week to discuss his past testimony.

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When Enders headed the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh in the 1970s, he was accused by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of providing "grossly misleading" information about the embassy's role in the bombing of Cambodia.

In defending himself then, Enders said he was limited by his superiors in what he could tell committee investigators. During his stint in Cambodia, Enders also challenged reporters who wrote articles that he considered unfairly critical of U.S. war policies.

Similarly, in congressional testimony on El Salvador, Enders criticized as unreliable U.S. press reports about the alleged December massacre of civilians by Salvadoran troops in northern Morazan province. But in so doing, he used a count of those killed — compiled by *The New York Times* for a number of villages — as the death toll for a single village, El Mozote. He then compared the *Times*' figure with an estimate of El Mozote's population to discredit the report.

"While it is clear that an armed confrontation between guerrillas occupying El Mozote and attacking government forces occurred last December, no evidence could be found to confirm that... The number of civilians killed even remotely approached the 733 or 926 victims variously cited in press reports," Enders told a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Feb. 8.

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Arms search continues

Anti-Nkomo campaign kept up in Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, March 1 (AFP) — The ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) kept up its campaign against minority leader Joshua Nkomo over the weekend in apparent disregard of Nkomo's warning that the country could "disintegrate" if political attacks on him continue.

Information minister Nathan Shamuyarira, addressing a youth meeting in the north-western town of Sinoia, expanded on Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's accusations that Nkomo had connived with South Africa with the aim of overthrowing the government.

The prime minister raised this charge in firing Nkomo and three followers from government on Feb. 17 after the discovery of huge arms caches on properties linked with Nkomo's Patriotic Front.

Shamuyarira said Nkomo first met a group of South African generals in Salisbury in August 1980, while Mugabe was at the United Nations in New York for Zimbabwe's admission to the world body. The meeting took place, Shamuyarira said, at the home of Lt. Gen Peter Walls, then supreme commander of Zimbabwe's armed forces.

Gen. Walls, who led the Rhodesian white minority's forces in the war against Mugabe's and Nkomo's guerrillas before majority rule, was dismissed the following month and now lives in South Africa.

At the three-hour meeting, Shamuyarira said, Nkomo asked for South African support for a coup d'etat. The information minister, referring to what he said was information supplied to the government by Gen. Walls, said the generals returned to Salisbury three weeks later and reported to Nkomo that Pretoria could not back his plan.

"We can kill a few people in Salisbury, but to rule this country is not possible," Shamuyarira quoted the South Africans as telling Nkomo. The information minister said South Africa had concluded most Zimbabweans supported Mugabe and realized that with many former guerrillas still armed at the time, any war that broke out might be impossible to extinguish.

Shamuyarira, in his speech Sunday also said Gen. Walls was now recruiting former Zimbabwe policemen and soldiers from his South African base to carry out sabotage in this country.

Mugabe, meanwhile, told a rally in the eastern city of Umtali that Nkomo's Patriotic Front had amassed the arms discovered last month on various party-linked properties to reverse the results of the 1980 independence elections that gave ZANU 57 seats in parliament and the PF just 20.

"What Nkomo wanted to show you, the people of Zimbabwe, was that you had no right to reject him. When you reject him, as you did, he fights against you," said the prime minister, who has disclosed that the search for hidden weapons was continuing.

The PF's central committee earlier decided, at an emergency meeting in Bulawayo Saturday night, that its members not be dismissed from government by Mugabe should remain at their posts.

Nkomo said this was because the party wanted to avoid fighting between ZANU and PF supporters and the "chaos" that would result in the country if the PF pulled out of government entirely. The veteran nationalist also warned Mugabe, who has asserted that

Poland's Solidarity.

The *People's Daily* said in many Communist and workers' parties, and in general internationally, more and more people "have clearly recognized and censured the aggressive, expansionist nature of Soviet foreign policy and Soviet actions to force their 'model' on others."

"The Soviet Union feels deeply that it is becoming more isolated each day," the paper declared.

It said the Soviet Communists have been trying to force their model on other parties but have accused the Italian and other parties that are seeking their own road to socialism of revisionism and anti-Soviet policies.

"The question is, is that 'model' of yours workable?" the *People's Daily* said. "Looking now, it is definitely unworkable. It is no wonder people want to cast your 'model' aside."

The Chinese paper said the Soviet Union, however, never would admit its mistakes.

The *People's Daily* said the Italian Communists insisted that the Soviets must share responsibility with the United States for present international tensions because "without respect for the independence of each country and people, there can be no stable peace."

It said the Italians also criticized both superpowers for insisting on maintaining military alliances. The Soviets, it said, had replied by accusing the Italians of directly aiding imperialism.

TORONTO, Canada (R) — Police evacuated about 500 persons from a country area north of Toronto for several hours Sunday after 35 wagons of dangerous chemicals burst into flames when a freight train jumped the rails. Fire engulfed the train, detailed near the small town of Hillsdale, and flames from the blaze could be seen up to 40 kms away, witnesses said. The derailed wagons were carrying hydrochloric acid, propane, butane, fuel oil, naphtha and methyl alcohol, railway officials said.

TOKYO (AFP) — The eldest son and successor-designate of North Korean President Kim Il sung, Kim Jong Il, is expected to be voted into the vice presidency later this month, Korea watchers said here Monday. This forecast follows the *People's Assembly* elections Sunday. Kim Jong Il, 40, was nominated as one of the 615 candidates for the first time.

BRUSSELS (AP) — An estimated 441 persons died in 194 incidents last year in which non-Communist military aircraft either crashed, were shot down in combat or damaged by terrorists, military statistics show. At least 217 military aircraft were lost

or damaged in 1981, including 82 belonging to the U.S. military, according to the statistics.

SHEFFIELD, England (R) — Fire Mulley, a former defense secretary, was named renomination to Parliament Sunday, becoming the most prominent victim of the left-right struggle in Britain's opposition Labor Party. A local party committee in this north England steel city passed over Mulley, their member of parliament for 21 years, and chose left-winger Richard Caborn to be the labor candidate for the next general election due by mid-1984.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) — Argentina and Brazil have the capability to make atom bombs but do not contemplate using this knowledge militarily, the director of Argentina's National Commission on Nuclear Energy said Sunday. Construction of nuclear bombs would be a "waste of money and effort," Vice Adm. Carlos Castro Madero said, in an interview published in a Buenos Aires daily newspaper, because "no Latin American country could imagine that the solution to border or political differences lies in construction of the bomb."

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By Third World

Japan may finance U.S. grain imports

TOKYO, March 1 (AP)—In response to U.S. demands for more farm product imports, the Japanese government is considering financing Third World countries to buy grain from the United States, a leading Japanese daily reported Monday.

Under the Plan of the ministry of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, the *Asahi Shimbun* reported, Japan will buy grain from the United States and resell it on a deferred payment basis to developing nations which have food shortages but cannot afford to import on their own.

However, government officials told the Associated Press Monday that the scheme was "just an idea" to ease trade friction. Some denied hearing about the plan.

The ministry has noted the growing grain stocks in the United States due to last year's bumper harvest, the difficulty in selling to the Soviet Union because of economic sanctions over the Afghan and Polish crises, and the slumping demand for grain in advanced coun-

tries, the newspaper reported.

The United States had been pressing Japan to open up its markets to U.S. farm products, particularly beef and oranges.

The newspaper reports the ministry says lifting or expanding remaining quotas for the United States is out of the question because of poor productivity of Japanese farmers, a strong farm lobby and the minimal effect of changing quotas on the bilateral trade imbalance.

In the case of wheat, for example, a 1 million-ton purchase would be worth about \$200 million at current market prices, the paper said.

Under the circumstances, the paper said, the ministry has high hopes for its plan of serving as a broker for U.S. grain farmers.

Meanwhile, the cabinet of Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and ruling Liberal Democratic Party leaders will hold a meeting Tuesday to discuss additional measures to ease mounting trade friction with the United States, government officials said.

Power strike cripples Nigeria

LAGOS, March 1 (AFP)—Nigeria Monday was in its fourth day of blackout due to strike action by the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) for more money.

The blackout has severely disrupted the country's economy, snarled traffic, caused a water shortage, and paralysed essential services.

An unspecified number of people have died as operations and another medical services could not be performed at the backed-out hospitals.

Women and children were seen roaming the streets in search of water, and the Nigerian news agency reported that people were buying buckets of well water at exorbitant prices.

According to newspaper reports, NEPA workers "embarked upon the action to back up their demands for payments of leave bonus and end of year bonus by the management of the authority." There was no indication of how long the blackout would continue.

Oil shares rally seen as flash in the pan

LONDON, March 1 (R)—Shares of oil producing and refining companies have had a dismal year so far and most stock market soothsayers see little chance of a full recovery despite a buying rally on Wall Street last week.

Since their highs at the end of 1980, when oil shares were everybody's favorite because of ever-rising oil prices, many of them have plunged by about 50 percent, and some even more.

Most London stockbrokers say oil shares will continue to fall as the world recession forces producers to slash crude prices. Many have advised their customers to "get out and stay out" of the oil sector.

They say that although prices in oil and energy stocks recovered briefly in New York and London last week, the rise was just temporary, with investors trying to pick up bargain-price shares, battered by the downturn in oil prices.

New York analysts are not so pessimistic and say that some U.S. oil-company shares are undervalued, offering the prospect of

short-term gains, especially if the Iran-Iraq war worsens and disrupts supplies. But price cuts by the oil producing countries have reduced the revenues for oil companies, from those who dig it out of the ground and sea to those who refine it into chemicals and petrol.

Richard Ogden, an oil analyst with London stockbrokers Sheppard and Chase, said he was advising clients to sell their oil shares, taking a loss on the purchase price if necessary. Brokers L. Messel and Company expect the relative weakness of the oil sector to linger on until the winter of 1982-83 and are advising clients against increasing their oil portfolio.

Ogden said the biggest danger lay in shares of oil explorers, drilling for finds in the North Sea. Their prices had yet to fully reflect the much lower revenues they were now getting for oil as it came out of the seabed, he said.

The giant multinational groups, such as Shell and British Petroleum (BP) which explore, transport, refine and sell the oil, were somewhat better off, Ogden said. Although also hit by the lower oil prices, most of these

companies had managed to improve their profit margins on their refining operations.

In addition, many slashed their excess refining capacity over the past two years as demand from industrial customers fell off sharply during the worst of the recession. The share price of BP illustrates how big oil companies have fallen from favor. From a high of five sterling two years ago, its shares are now around 2.80 sterling (\$5.1).

Last year, BP raised 624 million sterling (\$1.1 billion) by offering new shares to shareholders at what was then a cut price of 2.75 or 2.90 sterling. The recent slide in its share price has dashed the buyers' hopes of big capital gains. BP's new chairman, Peter Walters, is forging ahead with plans to reduce BP's dependence on oil and chemical interests by moving into metals, uranium and minerals. He says only half the company's assets will be in oil and chemicals in 10 years compared with over 80 percent now.

Reuters correspondent Howard Lumburg reports from New York that international oil stocks, after having taken one of the worst beatings of any group on Wall Street, have lately shown some signs of life. But industry analysts there question whether there will be a full recovery. Six of the New York stock exchange's 10 most active stocks last Wednesday were oil shares. Mobil, Texaco, Gulf Oil and Atlantic Richfield traded more than one million shares each.

Factors behind the New York revival in oils included the relatively cheap prices of many stocks, near-term purchase recommendations by some analysts and fears that a widening of the Iran-Iraq conflict might eventually disrupt the flow of supplies from Middle East producers.

Salomon Brothers' oil analyst Bernard Picchi said "oils are undervalued," and is recommending the purchase of Atlantic Richfield, Shell and Union Oil of California.

Paul Mlotok, of Cyrus J. Lawrence, also takes a positive view of short-term prospects for U.S. oil shares, citing the low prices of many of them and concern about stability in the Middle East.

When the Iran-Iraq war started in September 1980, the disruption in the flow of oil from Iran sent oil stock prices upwards. "Today, people fear that a widening of the war also could disrupt supplies from other producers in the region, including Kuwait and Saudi Arabia," Mlotok told Reuters.



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On eve of silver jubilee EEC faces serious crisis

BRUSSELS, March 1 (R)—A luminous letter "E" will shine out from European Economic Community (EEC) posters and documents this month in honor of the 25th birthday of Western Europe's 10-nation Common Market.

The posters, produced by the EEC commission, the community's administrative arm, show the letter "E" shining from a bright blue sky onto a globe dominated by the map of Western Europe. But a quarter of a century after its creation, the EEC is in difficulties and close to a crisis and the anniversary celebrations will be low-key and without fanfare.

The EEC's six founder members signed the treaties of Rome, the documents setting up the community and its sister community Euratom on March 25, 1957.

Those members, France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Italy, were later joined by Britain, the Republic of Ireland, Denmark and Greece. But the unity symbolized by the graphics on the posters and the covers of EEC documents, is far from being mirrored in community politics.

For months, a series of disputes and disagreements has strained relations among the 10 to near breaking point. The idealism of the community's founders, men like Frenchman Jean Monnet, has given way to a cynical materialism.

All too often, national self-interest seems

to dictate governments' positions in EEC negotiations about farm prices, fisheries policy or financial questions.

In a recent speech, EEC commission President Gaston Thorn painted a depressing picture of the community's condition. Governments had been swayed by high unemployment and wavering economies into protectionism totally at variance with the EEC's ideals, he said.

Against this background it is hardly surprising that the EEC's anniversary has not aroused much enthusiasm among its 270 million citizens.

"We haven't really got very much to crow about," a senior EEC official observes ruefully.

In the last few months, Britain and its partners have clashed in a bitter dispute about how much money each member state pays into the EEC budget and how much each gets out of it.

Greece, the EEC's newest member, has demanded full-scale re-negotiation of its EEC entry terms. In a referendum in February, the 40,000 people of Greenland voted by a 52 percent majority to pull out of the EEC, raising the specter of similar moves by other regional minorities.

In a bid to muster popular enthusiasm, the EEC Commission has asked national television stations to put on programs telling viewers what the EEC is all about.

Financial woes plague Manila's giant company

MANILA, March 1 (Depthnews)—Like a storm-battered ship, the Construction and Development Corporation of the Philippines (CDCP), the country's biggest construction firm, is struggling to get back to safe financial shores.

Despite a controversial government rescue operation that cost the state coffers 1.3 billion pesos (\$160 million) last year, CDCP's financial position remains shaky.

A combination of business misadventures, the old oil crunch and uncollected revenues has plunged CDCP, the Philippines' 12th largest company in terms of gross revenue (1979 gross sales: 3.5 billion pesos or \$432 million), into a long bout with financial problems.

Liquidity problems have hounded some of its government projects, and the tight financial squeeze may yet continue for some time. CDCP, however, has a subsidiary in Hong Kong which its huge overseas projects in the Middle East and Afghanistan. In the British Crown Colony itself, CDCP is building the subway line, a project running into millions of dollars.

The company's financial problems have also wrought painful stabs on its corporate pride. CDCP was forced to sell some of the 16 companies that had sprouted under its wings in an expansion binge that caused the company to spread its resources around so thinly. Moreover, it had agreed to a strong government presence in its corporate policy-making organization as a *quid pro quo* to the state's agreement to pump millions of pesos in rescue funds.

It managed to corner fat government infrastructure contracts, some of them without public bidding. There had been unpublished charges that it enjoyed government influence, presumably stemming from the personal friendship between its president and President Ferdinand Marcos. Rodolfo Cuena, CDCP president, is a golfing crony of Marcos.

But news of the company's financial hemorrhage uncorked a barrage of criticism in the media. For one, the government's decision to "bail out" the bankrupt company along with other financially distressed firms triggered an embarrassing media spat between Trade Minister Roberto Ongpin and his elder brother, Jimmy, an equally prominent and respected businessman.

Swiss banks cut interest rates

ZURICH, March 1 (AFP)—The main Swiss banks here Monday announced a drop in interest rates up to 2 percent on their fixed term deposit accounts.

The changes are: Three to five month deposits, seven instead of eight percent; six to eight month deposits, 7.25 instead of 7.75 percent.

Interest is unchanged for nine to 11 months (7.5 percent) and for 12-month deposits (7.25 percent).

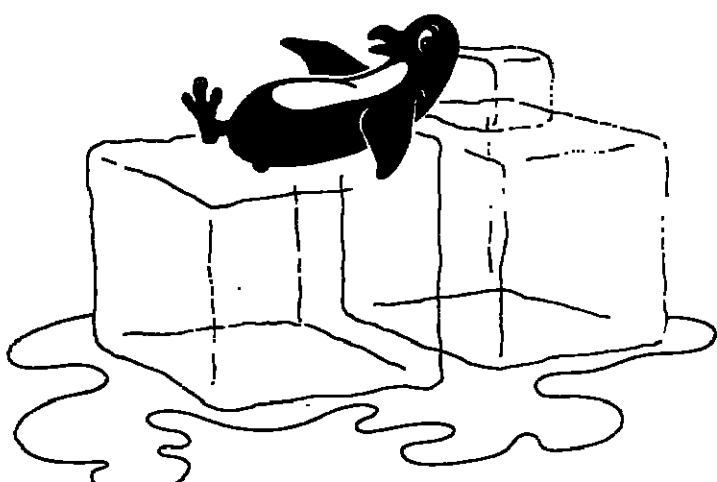
Dunlop to manufacture rubber goods in China

LONDON, March 1 (AFP)—Dunlop has announced a long-term agreement with the Chinese Guangzhou Rubber Bureau based in Canton, on the manufacture of certain rubber products in China.

Guangzhou is one of China's leading producer of rubber goods. Dunlop will provide know-how for factory modernization and production of high-quality items.

Dunlop described the deal as one of "unique, exclusive and long-term cooperation." It believed the scope for cooperation to be "considerable."

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Tax concessions for investors

Bonn acts to revive economy

BONN, March 1 (AFP) — The West German cabinet Monday adopted the bills for its program to revive the West German economy, a cornerstone of which is tax concessions for private investors.

The cuts will be financed by an increase in value-added tax (VAT) from 13 percent to 14 percent.

Monday's meeting was two days ahead of normal cabinet schedule, to enable the government's package to have an initial parliamentary hearing this Thursday.

The move gives the Social Democrat-Liberal coalition two-and-a-half weeks before the Lower Saxony legislative elections in which to convince the voters that the opposition Christian Democrats are to blame

for blocking aid to investment and consequently hamstringing the fight against unemployment.

The Christian Democrats have said they will use their overwhelming majority in the Bundestag, parliament's second chamber, which represents the provincial states, to prevent a rise in VAT.

Thursday, meanwhile, will also see the issue of the latest unemployment figures. It will then be known whether the figure of 2,000,000 people out of work has been reached. Everything indicates that it has been. At the end of January, the figure stood at 1,950,000 — seven percent of the active population.

The government also has the problems of

division in its ranks and a scandal involving two government ministers under investigation in a plot to funnel bribes to political parties. Internal conflict is in fact one of the elements imperiling Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's plan to fight unemployment.

The plan itself is modest enough, involving the expenditure of 10,000 million Deutschmarks between 1982 and 1985 inclusive. So far, Chancellor Willy Brandt and other leading Social Democrats have called for a tougher program. They are demanding a special tax on high salaries to finance it, but Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Economy Minister Otto Lambsdorff, both Free Democrats, have announced they oppose the idea.

London's financial futures market set

LONDON, March 1 (R) — London follows Chicago and New York into financial futures next September, offering banks and companies the chance to protect themselves against currency and interest rate fluctuations.

London is already a major center for futures business in commodities such as coffee, rubber, potatoes, grain, metals and refined oil products, while a gold futures market is to open on April 19. Traders use futures markets to buy and sell months ahead to guard against sharp price changes.

But financial futures are a relatively new concept for London's pin-stripe-suited traders, although they have been popular for about a decade on Chicago's international monetary market (IMM), where daily business can top \$10 billion.

John Barkshire, chairman of the working party which drew up proposals for the financial futures market here, says there is a high level of interest from London's business institutions, and it is an idea whose time has come.

The Royal Exchange, an imposing neo-classical building in the center of the city of London's bustling financial district, is being converted to house the futures exchange, where companies and individuals will have the opportunity of minimizing risks involved in billions of dollars of investments and currency trading, he said.

Already, the London International Finan-

cial Futures Exchange (LIFFE) has sold 354 seats at up to 30,000 sterling (\$55,000) each to a wide range of banks, companies and brokers, after receiving applications for 430 seats from 292 organizations.

In financial futures trading, money is reduced to the level of a commodity and risks are hedged as contracts are taken out to buy or sell currencies and financial instruments at an agreed price at a fixed date in the future, locking in the cost of the transaction and guarding against adverse rate movements.

Barkshire told Reuters in an interview that he envisaged participants would include banks, discount houses which operate in the London money markets, commodity brokers, pensions funds and the money management departments of large companies.

Individuals would also play a role but he predicted that the London market would rely more on institutional traders than the IMM in Chicago which depends for much of its business on 'locals' who are individuals dealing for their own account. "We won't have the dentists from Wigan," he said.

Member firms of the London Stock Exchange are also expected to participate in LIFFE, but the stock exchange has so far indicated that these firms would only be allowed to operate as agents for clients and not as principals, taking positions on their own behalf.

Barkshire said he hoped that LIFFE would also generate overseas business from areas such as Europe and the Middle East. "We live in a time of violent fluctuations in interest rates and exchange rates," he said. The futures exchange would fulfil a need created by these volatile markets by giving investors and traders protection against the upheavals in world money markets.

Keith Woodbridge, who heads the Chicago IMM's London-based office, said that Laker Airways might still be operating if it had made forward provision for its foreign currency commitments in the futures market.

The airline was recently placed in the hands of a receiver with debts of more than \$500 million partly because the depreciation

of sterling had inflated its interest payments. Although Sir Freddie Laker could have hedged against currency losses by forward transactions in the foreign exchange markets, Woodbridge argued that a futures market was cheaper and easier way of doing it than an arrangement with banks.

Unlike the foreign exchange markets, a futures exchange uses an open outcry system, with a throng of traders shouting prices across the floor of a central market. This provides investors with the same rate for a contract, regardless of their status.

Speculators are often attracted to futures markets in the knowledge that with a deposit of only five to 10 percent of the contract value, they are able to reap enormous profits — although they may suffer losses of equal magnitude if the market turns against them.

But some traders wonder how London will attract enough speculative interest to provide LIFFE with the liquidity which is essential to a futures market. These traders point to the slow business on the New York Financial Futures Exchanges (NYFE) which opened in the autumn of 1980 in competition with the well-established IMM in Chicago.

But Barkshire said the different time zones between North America and Europe would allow LIFFE to complement, rather than compete with Chicago and provide an opportunity for arbitrage, whereby traders buy a contract in one center and sell it in another, or vice versa, to profit from slight price differences. "Indications are that we will have a lot of liquidity," he said.

LIFFE would also provide an important link in what would soon amount to a 24-hour trading cycle in financial futures, with Hong Kong setting up an exchange of its own this year and tentative plans for additional markets in Singapore and Tokyo.

From September onwards, London will gradually phase in seven financial futures contracts. Four will be currencies quoted against the dollar — sterling, Japanese yen, West German mark and Swiss franc — and an interest rate contract based on three month Euro-dollar deposits.

LIFFE will also have two contracts specifically designed for the local markets and these will be based on British government bonds (gilts), Barkshire said.

European smelters face grim future

LONDON, March 1 (AFP) — Continuing problems for zinc and copper custom smelting industries in the Western world are predicted by the London-based commodity analyst Metals and Minerals Research Services (MMRS) in its latest review.

Its pessimism springs from forecasts of a continued growth in Third World refining capacity.

MMRS foresees an upward trend in dem-

London stock market

LONDON, March 1 — Leading shares ended higher after a quiet start to the new account, dealers said.

The Financial Times index at 1500 hours was up 2.2 at 549.5 and might have been higher but for the fact ICI was trading ex dividend Monday, they added. ICI opened at 314, against 326 on Friday, and added 4p during the session. Lloyds and Natwest, also trading ex dividend, were quoted down 15p and 18p respectively while Barclays ended a penny down at 480 after 1981 results below the highest expectations. North American issues were generally higher.

Government bonds were firm helped by the resilience of sterling, dealers said. Longer dates were around ¼ point above pre-weekend levels and looked set to move higher when no new funding was announced after the official close.

Royal Insurance ended 12p up at Jeye after 1981 results which included an increased dividend. Oils were again weak, with Ultramar losing 7p to 371 as rights issue rumors persisted, dealers added. Gold shares also extended recent falls. Amersham International gave up 5p to 189 while Unilever added 10p to 660 ahead of final due Tuesday.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Food aid to developing countries will be on the top of the agenda Tuesday when development ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) meet here Tuesday. A European Commission spokesman said Monday that the ministers would try to make changes in common strategy on food aid and would also discuss the North-South dialogue.

Another topic, the spokesman said, would be the changes of extending the "subsidy" system, which guarantees a minimum income from exports to the 60 ACP countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Exports of video cassettes by Japan in January totalled 626,000 units, double the figure of a year earlier, trade figures showed Monday. The U.S. took 53.7 percent more at 169,000 and the European Economic Community 175.3

EEC inflation rate drops to 12.5 percent

LUXEMBOURG, March 1 (R) — The annual inflation rate in the 10-nation European Economic Community slowed to 12.5 percent in January from 12.7 percent the previous month, the EEC statistics office said Monday.

A one percent increase in consumer prices in January was broadly in line with the average monthly rise throughout 1981 and up from the 0.7 percent recorded in December, it said.

On a year-to-year basis West Germany recorded the lowest inflation rate with 6.3 percent, followed by the Netherlands with 7.3 percent. At the other end of the scale, prices in Greece shot up by 20.9 percent and in Italy by 17.5 percent.

The EEC's inflation rate compared with an 8.9 percent rise in the United States and 4.4 percent increase in Japan during 1981, the office said.

Egypt may defer Suez project

LONDON, March 1 (AFP) — The recession in the oil business may force Egypt to postpone its project for deepening the Suez Canal to take loaded 260,000-ton tankers, Lloyd's List said Monday.

Japanese firms in 1980 completed work costing \$1,200 million to make the canal accessible to 150,000-ton tankers. Lloyd's List said Japan, which provides substantial aid to Egypt, is urging a quick decision by the Suez Canal Authority. The new phase, to start soon in theory, would cost an estimated \$750 million. Japanese companies still have their equipment on the spot.

However, the sluggish demand in oil means that some big vessels these days find it worthwhile to go round South Africa at a slow speed, reducing their own consumption while avoiding canal charges.

Currently some 60 ships used the canal daily, whereas it can handle 80. Many tankers are anchored in the Gulf awaiting loads. Others are acting as floating reservoirs.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — The stock market edged upward Monday morning despite new evidence of weakness in business activity.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 3.05 to 827.44 in the first half hour. Gainers took a slight lead over losers in the early tally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

Trading opened on schedule at the New York stock exchange despite a bomb blast Sunday night that broke windows and caused other damage. Police said a Puerto Rican nationalist group claimed responsibility.

As trading began, the U.S. government reported that its index of leading economic indicators fell 0.6 percent in January. Analysts said the news came as no real surprise to investors.

and for zinc of around two percent a year in the 1980 s, and it expects refined metal prices to rise significantly in the next business cycle peak of 1983/84.

But the predicted growth will not necessarily benefit custom smelters, and the review says the troubles of European smelters are "far from over". Both Mexico and Peru, traditionally leading concentrate exporters installing smelting capacity, while large expansions are also expected in Canada.

Further smelting closures are forecast. The industry will continue to be "plagued" by over-capacity and smelter charges will barely rise from their current sub-economic levels, the review said.

MMRS anticipates an emerging copper concentrate shortage in the run-up to the next business cycle peak, as concentrate-supplying countries move more and more toward integration.

In contrast to zinc, and reflecting in part the closing of important United States smelter units, copper experienced a rising concentrate surplus last year which enabled smelters to raise their charges. But the review said these charges could fall again by 1983/84.

Unlike zinc, it is the Japanese, not the European, smelters which dominate the copper concentrate market. In 1980, they accounted for 70 percent of international purchases.

For both environmental and economic reasons, MMRS does not expect any significant growth in Japanese smelter capacity. But it sees Japan becoming increasingly reliant on blister and refined copper imports. As with zinc, future smelter units will be located primarily in copper mining countries, particularly those located on the "Pacific rim" such as Canada, the Philippines and Australia.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AFP) — Egypt lowered its crude oil rates by \$1 Monday, the new price spread being \$28 to \$34. The newspaper Al-Ahram said the reduction stemmed from the surplus on the international market.

SINGAPORE, (AFP) — Brown and Root of Singapore has booked a \$ 1,500,000 contract from Abu Dhabi for telecommunications facilities on oil units in the Gulf near Abu Dhabi. The order covers engineering and design, supply, installation and commissioning. Completion is scheduled later this year.

PARIS, (AFP) — French businesses are the most heavily taxed in comparison to their competitors in other leading industrialized countries, the Federation of French Employers said here. It said in a report that other things being equal, they paid twice as much in taxes as did their rivals in the United States, Japan and Britain.

Dollar zooms to new high

By J. H. Hammond

JERUSALEM, March 1 — In the European markets, Monday, the American currency rose to new high levels but later fell back on profit-taking. Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm with rises of between ¼ to ½ percent being registered over Friday closing levels.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver continued to fall in some mixed trading, with selling pressure developing during the day to take gold to \$357.50 and silver to \$7.68. In the local markets, rial deposit rates opened firm, but gradually fell back by about ¼ percent from opening levels. Most activity continued to be concentrated in the shorter tenors, but Jeddah dealers reported some transactions in the medium term three-month period at 13½-14 percent.

The European markets had little to go by Monday except for the Friday money supply figures from America. These had shown a rise of 1.2 billion in the M1 measurement and the initial European reaction was to drive up the American currency's value against the other major currencies of Europe. The British pound was the hardest hit — falling to 1.8000 before some active dealing in London pushed up sterling to 1.8170 levels. The pound continues to remain shaky with cuts in British commercial bank base lending rates as well as world depression in oil prices. Such oil price cuts could further complicate British economic recovery plans since one of the major attractions of the British pound had been that it ranked as one of the so-called "petro currencies".

In other exchange news, the French franc fell back to 6.1130 before a slight rally took it back to 6.0980 by late afternoon in Paris. Some French central bank support was seen at the lower level and dealers in Frankfurt noted that the Bundesbank also carried out some support for the mark. The German currency fell to 2.4060 levels before rising to 2.3940 while the Japanese yen was relatively unchanged at 237/238 levels. As was noted earlier, European dealers cut back on their dollar positions by late afternoon amidst a general feeling that the dollar had risen too fast without awaiting New York's reactions.

In the local market, rial deposit levels were generally firm, but some easing back of rates was reported by late trading. The one-month JIBOR rate opened at 13½-13¾ percent but was later quoted at 13-13¾ percent in Jeddah. In the longer tenors, the one-year reached 13½-14¼ percent, but little movement in actual dealing was reported in that tenor. Week-fixed continued to be in demand at 12¼-13¾ percent levels, while overnight funds reached 13-14 percent. In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4200-08 levels, but gradually fell back to 3.4198-08 with few transactions reported.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	360.25
Paris	385.05
Frankfurt	360.00
Zurich	359.50
Hong Kong	359.50

Freight rates seen to firm

LONDON, March 1 (AFP) — The freight market was outwardly quiet last week, but there was a good deal of behind-the-scenes activity, with Soviet inquiry well to the fore.

The return of Chinese charterers after a long absence and the continuing activity by South African operators was also noted. Rates had a mixed appearance, but there was a growing feeling that they had tended to stabilize, at least for the medium-sized bulk-carriers.

In the trans-Atlantic (U.S./Europe) grain trade, for example, a 60,000 tonner obtained \$8.25/ton, or 25 cents more than reportedly paid the week before.

Support for owners' optimism came from inquiries for tonnage on the Great Lakes, where the season is due to start March 29, from the start of the new river plate season soon, and increased interest in Australian tonnage.

But shipbrokers warned that "over-tonnage" would still be a problem, particularly with the delivery this year of new vessels of about 15 million tons deadweight of bulk-carrier tonnage in the 40,000-100,000 ton class.

Soviet inquiry again centered around grain and sugar, using the time-charter market to cover their grain requirements and the single voyage market for sugar cargoes. The only reported details of Soviet period business concerned a 55,000 tonner fixed from Brazil to the Mediterranean at \$3,950 a day plus a ballast bonus of \$100,000.

Slightly smaller vessels, booked out of the United States, were paid an unchanged \$3,300 a day. Soviet sugar cargoes were booked from Buenaventura in Colombia and from the Philippines, but further details were lacking.

South African charterers picked up where they left off the previous week, booking time-charter tonnage to Europe and the Ad-

atic. Coal rates looked easier again when \$17.25/ton (down 15 cents) was agreed for a 55,000 tonner booked from Hampton Roads to Japan, the lowest since January 1980. The ore trades attracted several large vessels, including a bulk/oil "combination" carriers of 220,000 tons fixed from Brazil to Japan at \$8.50/ton, or 50 cents more than was paid four weeks earlier.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:30 p.m. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	—	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	—	279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.75	—	143.55
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	—	130.20
Egyptian Pound	3.49	—	3.92
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.00	—	93.20
French Franc (100)	56.75	—	56.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	36.85
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Lira (10,000)	26.90	—	26.71
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	14.45
Jordanian Dinar	9.90	—	9.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	—	12.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.00	—	70.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.75	—	60.50
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	31.65
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	41.65
Pound Sterling	6.29	—	6.24
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	—	94.10
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	162.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	33.10
Swiss Franc (100)	181.75	—	181.35
Syrian Lira (1,000)	58.00	—	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	—	3.422
U.S. Dollar	75.00	—	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—
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4	New Dolphin	Gulf	Rice/Sorghum/Maize	25.2.82
5	Saudi Sunrise	M.E.S.A.	Sgm/Rice/Beans/Gen.	25.2.82
6	Unit Yanbo	O.C.E.	Contra/Gen./C.Carbide	21.2.82
7	Kasir	Alsbah	Barley	22.2.82
8	Coast Ligure	Fayez	Contra/Tris/Mobiles	27.2.82
9	Amakus	Alsbah	Cam./Gen./Ply/M.Pw	26.2.82
10	Islami Mariner	Barnedash	Barley/Wheat	21.2.82
11	Pollu	Gulf	Steel/Gen./P.Pri/Poles	25.2.82
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As Lakers nip Cavaliers

Abdul-Jabbar sinks timely basket

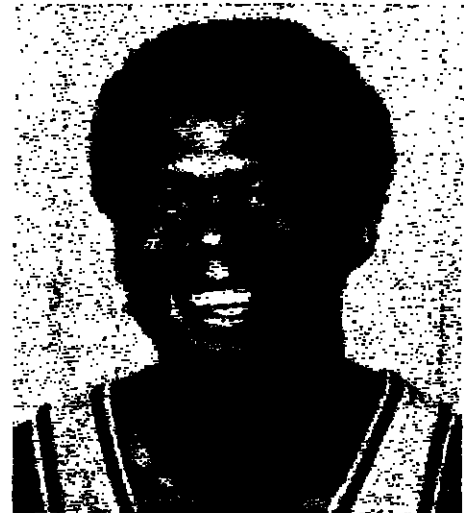
NEW YORK, Mar. 1 (AP) — James Edwards, who was a Rookie backup center for Los Angeles in 1977 behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, had 25 points and 14 rebounds Sunday as the Cleveland Cavaliers gave the Los Angeles Lakers a tough battle before losing 102-101.

The Cavaliers, whose 12-43 record is the worst in the National Basketball Association, had the game won until Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 32 points, canned a 15-foot hook shot with two seconds left. The victory gave the Pacific Division leaders a 41-17 record.

The victory by Los Angeles is its seventh in-a-row, but the Lakers had to fight back from a 19-point deficit late in the second quarter. The Lakers cut the deficit to 57-45 by half-time and then outscored Cleveland 35-19 in the third period. But Edwards scored on a 12-foot jumper with 11 seconds left to give the Cavaliers a 101-100 edge before Abdul-Jabbar hit the last shot.

Boston Celtics 106, Milwaukee Bucks 102: Larry Bird, who missed the entire third quarter after getting hit in the head, returned for the fourth period and scored 10 points to carry Boston past Milwaukee. Bird, who scored 16 points, had left the game with 41 seconds left in the second quarter after a collision with Harvey Catchings. The Bucks had a 102-101 lead with 2:02 to go, but didn't score again as Boston got three free throws by Bird and a basket by Robert Parish to win.

Phoenix Suns 103, Seattle SuperSonics 98: Dennis Johnson scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter to rally Phoenix past Seattle, dropping the SuperSonics 3½ games behind Los Angeles in the Pacific Division. The Suns trailed by 17 points in the first half and by 12 in the third quarter before coming back



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar...hits winning basket to take a 95-94 lead on a basket by Alvan Adams with 3:08 to go. Then Johnson scored the Suns' next five points for a 100-96 lead with 49 seconds left. Seattle was led by Jack

Sikma with 33 points and 12 rebounds.

Chicago Bulls 118, San Antonio Spurs 104: Backup guard Ricky Sobers scored 18 of his game-high 28 points in the final period to give Chicago its third straight victory for acting coach Rod Thorn. Larry Kenon, another Bulls substitute, scored 22 points, while George Gervin led San Antonio with 25.

Golden State Warriors 105, Atlanta Hawks 77: Bernard King scored 28 points and World Free added 23 as Golden State routed Atlanta. John Drew and Dan Roundfield, who together average 37 points for the Hawks, were held to two points apiece.

Bullets 113, Knicks 109: Kevin Grevey scored the last seven points of overtime as Washington came from behind to beat New York. The Knicks led 109-106 in the final minute, but Grevey hit two free throws with 47 seconds left, a layup with 16 seconds remaining and a three-point play at the buzzer. Maurice Lucas scored 33 points to lead all scorers for New York, while Spencer Haywood led Washington with 24.

Indiana Pacers 112, Detroit Pistons 101: Johnny Davis scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead Indiana after Detroit had whittled down a 14-point lead in the third period. The Pacers had built a 76-72 lead midway through the third quarter before the Pistons cut the deficit to 84-78 going into the final 12 minutes.



Andy Bean...eighth victory of career

With one-stroke margin

Bean bags Doral Eastern golf

MIAMI, Florida, Mar. 1 (AP) — Andy Bean carved out a hard win. With a final round of 69 and then surviving an inquiry into a possible rules infraction, Bean scored a 1-shot victory Sunday in the Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

Bean, sidelined most of the year with a hand injury last season, acquired the eighth victory of his career with a 278 total, 10 shots under par on the 7,065-yard Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club.

A single shot back at 279 were Scott Hoch, Mike Nicolette and Jerry Pate. Hoch had a 69 in the mild, cloudy weather, while Pate and Nicolette — enjoying the best tournament of his 4-year career — had matching 70s.

For a brief moment after the regulation 72 hole had been played it appeared those three — Pate, Nicolette and Hoch — would be involved in a playoff. There was a question about Bean's actions on the 14th hole, where he drove under a tree. He dislodged some leaves on a practice backswing and the tournament's headquarters was swamped with calls from television viewers who thought they detected a rule violation.

Arak Tuthill, director for the tournament Players Association and the man in charge of this event, questioned Bean about the incident immediately after he'd completed play and before he signed his card.

"An official was standing there, about 15 feet away, when it happened," Tuthill said. The backswing that dislodged the leaves oc-

curred before Bean addressed the ball. He then stepped into his stance and made the shot. Curtis Strange, Cal Peete and Craig Stadler tied for fifth at 281.

Craig Stadler, who had set the pace for the first three days, carded yet another 73 — a performance which had cut his lead to a stroke on the third day — and was out of the contention, leaving Bean, Nicolette, Pate and Hoch to battle it out. And Bean emerged victorious, but it was close.

Ballesteros, who shot the best round of the day, a 68, was placed five strokes behind the winner followed by Nick Faldo, who was a stroke behind Ballesteros.

Okamoto pips Little for first American LPGA crown

TUCSON, Arizona, March 1 (AP) — Ayako Okamoto, crediting some putting patience on the back nine, sank a 15-foot (4.5-m) birdie putt on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff with Sally Little to win the \$125,000 LPGA Arizona Copper Classic here Sunday.

For Okamoto, a native of Tokyo, it was her first LPGA win in the United States. She has won 20 tournaments in the Japan LPGA. "My putts were just missing on the front nine," Okamoto said. "I knew if I had enough patience, they would start dropping."

Okamoto sank the winning putt on No. 11 — a par-3, 178-yard hole — on the Randolph

North Municipal Course after Little ran her first putt two feet past the cup. Both players parred the first playoff hole. The 30-year-old Okamoto, who won \$18,750, had to par the 18th to tie South African Little and force the playoff.

Both fired a 6-under-par 66 to finish with a four-round total of 281 — 7-under-par for the tournament. Little, who started the final round six shots behind third-round leader Patti Rizzo, put together a string of five birdies and one eagle on the back nine to catch Okamoto and Amy Alcott.

"I just let the putter go. It was terribly

them without thinking," he said. "It's always come easy to me. I've never had to work particularly hard for it. Most kids nowadays have a fantastic apprenticeship but I seemed to jump straight in," he added.

Jennings' apprenticeship began as a school-boy playing Gaelic soccer where the ball can be handled. By the age of 11 he was in goal



Pat Jennings...displaying a pair of safe hands

Jaded Jennings still a pillar between the posts

BELFAST, March 1 (R) — Waiting for Pat Jennings to show signs of fallibility must be a heart-breaking pastime for pretenders to his role as Northern Ireland's first choice goalkeeper.

His current understudy Jim Platt has managed only 12 caps in the past eight years. Jennings, an international for 17 years, admits that he would be kidding himself if he thought he was as good now as he was seven or eight years ago.

"When you get to my age I think people are looking to write you off," he said. "But I reckon I can still do a good job and I haven't even started to think of retirement." At 36 Jennings is certainly a veteran in soccer parlance. But he shows no signs of wear after a 19-year professional career which has brought him 89 caps and almost 700 appearances in the English league.

His presence in goal is reassuring, cool, confident and utterly fearless. He rarely gives the impression that he is under any pressure, however big the occasion.

Terry Neill, a former Northern Ireland team-mate and now manager of Jennings' English club Arsenal, said of him: "Pat's as solid as a rock. While everyone else gets worked up to a lather he steadies everything down and gets things in their true perspective."

It is this air of authority which has gone a long way to helping Northern Ireland to qualify for the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958. Jennings conceded only two goals, one a penalty, in six qualifying ties. Jennings has not received a single coaching session in his life and he doesn't even know what it is that makes him one of the best goalkeepers in the world.

"A good pair of hands, a bit of bravery, anticipation, agility — you find that whenever you're doing things well you're doing

against 18 and 19-year-olds in the street games of his native Newry.

He graduated from backstreet kick-about to part-time soccer with Newry and first came to the attention of English scouts when he played for his country in a youth tournament in England in 1963.

The prospect of a career in the English league was just a remote dream to a shy, naive youngster. But within 12 months he was playing for Tottenham Hotspur alongside a crop of internationals. The London club, impressed by Jennings' potential, signed him from Third Division Watford, which gave him his first taste of English soccer, for 27,500 sterling (\$52,300) — an unheard-of fee for a goalkeeper.

In 13 years he played a record number of 472 games for Tottenham until he moved to north London rivals Arsenal for the bargain price of 40,000 sterling (\$76,000). The many high spots of his glittering career have included footballer of the year awards from the British soccer writers in 1973 and his fellow professionals in 1976.

But nothing can compare with a first, and at Jennings age almost certainly a last, appearance in the World Cup finals. "I thought it had all passed me by," he said. "It is a unique achievement to qualify for the finals when you look at the size of the country and the players at our disposal. We're never going to win but we won't be going just for the ride."

"If the opposition is on top form there's no way we should be able to live with them. We can just hope they have a below par day and we play out of our skins." Playing out of his skin is nothing unusual for the man with the biggest, and many would say safest, pair of hands in British soccer. But despite the huge successes he has enjoyed in the game, Jennings knows he treads a never-ending tightrope.

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Jimmy Connors...proves too good for Kriek

In Grand Prix final

Connors downs Kriek

MONTERREY, Mexico, Mar. 1 (AP) — Jimmy Connors defeated South African Johan Kriek 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 Sunday to take the singles championship of the Volvo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here and a \$60,000 purse.

Kriek the tournament's defending champion, won a \$30,000 prize for his second-place finish to Connors, the top-seeded player of the tournament. The week-long tournament in this northern Mexican city had a total purse of \$300,000.

Kriek, who had survived a close call in the quarterfinals against American Chip Hooper, coasted through to the final meeting with an easy victory over Fritz Buehning. And he nearly pulled off an upset when he drew level one-set all after dropping the first set.

But the left-handed American, who had an easy passage right through, proved too good for the South African in the decider and passed him often on both the flanks with some controlled shots and was home and dry.

In the doubles championship, American pair of Victor Amaya and Hank Pfister, both powerful servers, were taken the full distance by Mel Purcell and Tracy Delatte before gaining a 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 triumph.

Meanwhile, in Genoa, Italy, top-seeded Ivan Lendl's blistering forehand wore out

For maiden triumph

second-seeded American Vitas Gerulaitis Sunday as the Czech won the final of the 2nd annual WCT Bittl Bergamo Memorial Tournament.

Lendl triumphed 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 to pocket the first prize money of \$100,000. Gerulaitis won \$32,000 in the \$300,000 competition. The final was a replay of the Masters final in New York last month, also won by Lendl.

Lendl got off to a fast start, breaking the American in the first and third games of the first set. Down 1-5, however, Gerulaitis began playing more aggressively. He worked to Lendl's backhand and swarmed over the net to knock off winning volleys, taking five games in-a-row to force a tiebreak.

The American then rallied from a 0-3 deficit to win the tiebreak 7-3. When Gerulaitis broke Lendl in the third game of the second set, the Czech appeared angry and unsettled. But Lendl, who is only 21, broke the blond, crowd-pleasing American three times in-a-row to beat the American 6-4.

In the third and fourth sets, Lendl's groundstrokes took on the velocity of cannon shots. When Gerulaitis tried to rush the net, he became easy fodder for Lendl's sizzling passing shots. Even when Gerulaitis managed to get a racket on the ball, he found it difficult to control his volleys.

Tenacious Jaeger storms past Chris Evert

OAKLAND, California, March 1 (AP) — Andrea Jaeger recorded her first victory over Chris Evert Lloyd 7-6, 6-4 Sunday and won the \$150,000 Avon Championship of California for the second straight year.

Jaeger, 16, seemed a mirror image of Lloyd with her two-fisted backhand, high lobs, deft drop shots and powerful baseline strokes. But Jaeger added to that arsenal a scrappiness and desire that Lloyd appeared to lack.

It was Lloyd's first tournament in two months and Jaeger took advantage of that layoff to run the 27-year-old veteran around the court and win the \$30,000 top prize.

Jaeger, who lost six previous matches against Lloyd, fell behind in the first set with a number of unforced errors, but charged back from a 2-5 deficit to win in a tiebreaker. Talking aloud to herself, slapping her leg and breaking Lloyd's rhythm with timely pauses

to wipe off her racket, Jaeger refused to quit. In the ninth game of the first set, Lloyd was two points from winning the set but Jaeger ran her from sideline to sideline and broke on a crosscourt forehand out of Lloyd's reach. Jaeger held at love, nearly broke Lloyd in the 11th game, then forced the tiebreaker on a winning net cord.

In the tiebreaker, both players were erratic. Lloyd lost on service four times, including a double fault. Leading 6-5, Jaeger slapped a forehand into the net and angrily cried out "Gimme a break." Then she broke Lloyd's next serve to win the tiebreaker 7-5 and take the first set in 1 hour, 21 minutes.

Jaeger needed only a half-hour to win the second set, coming back this time from 1-3 to take the match as Lloyd seemed to tire. In the last game of the match, Lloyd double-faulted to fall behind 15-40, saved one match point

then lost in on wide forehand.

Lloyd, the top-ranked women's player, came back to win after dropping the first set against Jaeger in their last two encounters in 1981 but couldn't do it this time.

"I wasn't patient enough," Lloyd said. "Andrea was mixing the pace a lot, she was hitting hard, looping it up and it worked."

Lloyd said the fact she'd beaten Jaeger so many times previously put more pressure on her. "You build up a certain pressure when you've beaten someone and now it's broken and next time I'll be more eager to play her. Jaeger is off to a strong start this year."

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, California, nine singles matches are scheduled Monday as the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Los Angeles begin at the Forum in Suburban Inglewood.

The women's tennis tournament runs through next Sunday. A total of 32 players will compete for the \$30,000 first prize. The top-seeded player is Tracy Austin, who will play her first-round match Tuesday night. Seeded second is Andrea Jaeger, who broke a new barrier with a win over Chris Evert Lloyd Sunday to win the singles title.

Sylvia Hanika of West Germany is seeded third, Bettina Bunge is seeded fourth, Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia is seeded fifth, Barbara Potter is seeded sixth, Anne Smith is seeded seventh and Sue Barker of Great Britain is seeded eighth. Jausovec and Barker are the only seeded players scheduled to see action Monday. Jausovec faces Mary Lou Piatek in the afternoon and Barker meets Claudia Kohde of West Germany at night.

Rockies hold Black Hawks' late barrage

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — Brent Ashton scored with one second left to play as Colorado Rockies withstood a last minute Chicago Black Hawks' barrage to post a 5-3 National Hockey League victory Sunday night.

The Rockies went into the final period with a goal advantage till Ashton's goal and tight defense gave it the final verdict. Gary Lupul scored his seventh goal of the season with 3:25 remaining to give the Vancouver Canucks a 3-3 tie with the Philadelphia Flyers. Gary's goal came in the third period which was scoreless for Philadelphia.

Montreal goaltender Denis Herron fashioned his second shutout of the season as the Canadians easily defeated the Hartford Whalers 5-0. The Canadians eased off the scoring after taking a 3-0 lead in the first period and were content to score one each in the remaining two periods.

Wayne Gretzky, the NHL record-breaking scorer, scored two Edmonton goals and assisted in another as the Oilers defeated the Washington Capitals 4-1. Meanwhile, Dino Ciccarelli scored his 48th goal at 19:49 of the third period to give the Minnesota North Stars a 5-4 triumph over the Detroit Red Wings. The winning goal came after the Detroit side had nullified the North Stars' advantage.

Veteran Gary Edwards, in his first start as Pittsburgh's goalie, stymied New York Rangers, making 36 saves as the Penguins beat the Rangers 4-2.

Camaraderie, friction form part of sailing experience

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Mar. 1 (AP) — For the young men doing it for the first time in running the Round-The-World Regatta is a dream come true.

"When I was told when they held the first Round-The-World race, I said to myself 'Claus, one day you are going to do this' and here I am," said Claus Landmark of the *Berge Viking* of Norway. For Claus, as for the other young yachtsmen, it is a seven and a half month adventure and learning experience.

"It is the biggest thing a sailor can do, this race, but it is a lot more than making the boat go fast," he said. "You learn a lot about yourself, how you behave in different conditions." In the great southern ocean between Auckland and here, in sometimes 30-foot (9 meters) waves and near Arctic weather, the *Vikings'* boom broke twice, the spinnaker pole once and they blew out thirteen sails.

Landmark also emphasized the relationship that develops among the crew members. "We're like brothers now," he said of the 12 men on board, one of whom is literally his

brother, Jon. The camaraderie that develops within not only the individual crews, but throughout the fleet, is for many of the racers the best thing about the experience.

"This is it. This is what it's all about," said Simon Gundry of New Zealand's *Ceremco* gesturing toward the reveling crewmen plus locals enjoying an Argentine style barbecue Thursday night. "You make friends doing this and that, even if you don't see them for years, it will last a lifetime."

"Winning isn't everything" attitude prevails between them. When race leader *Charles Heidrick III* got stuck on a sandbar coming in from a pleasure sail this week, the variety of crewmembers aboard the *Ceremco* at the moment dropped their small talk and sprang into action to the rescue. Before they reached her, the *Heidrick* had been pulled off the sand by an Argentine tug.

Gundry of Auckland is one of the fleets characters. He is the rumor investigator. He started the ok about the *Alaska Eagle*, the American entry, being given by its owner to

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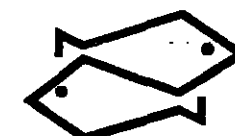
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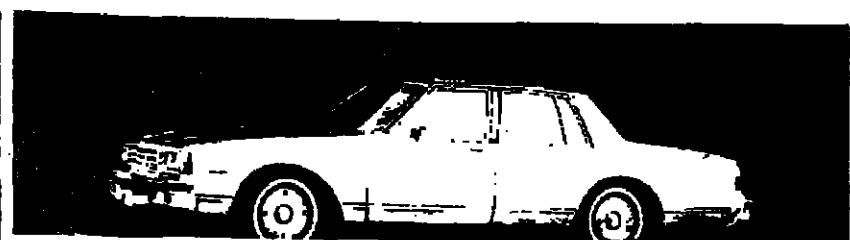
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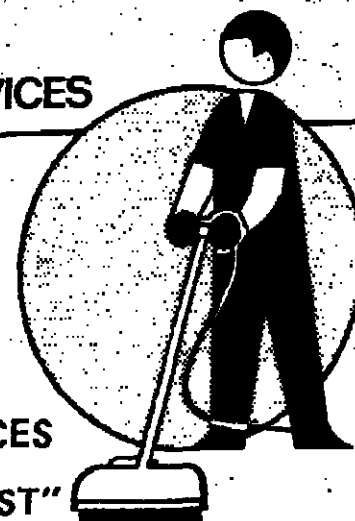
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Crucial talks begin

Jaruzelski receives big Soviet welcome

MOSCOW, March 1 (Agencies) — Poland's military leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, began talks in Moscow Monday with President Leonid Brezhnev and other Soviet officials after arriving to a lavish welcome from the Kremlin. President Brezhnev and colleagues from the Soviet leadership turned out to greet the Polish leader in a style that stressed Kremlin support for Jaruzelski's two and a half months of military rule.

The visit is Jaruzelski's first trip outside Poland since he declared martial law on Dec. 13 and his first meeting with Kremlin leaders since last August, when as prime minister he saw Brezhnev in the Crimea. During talks expected to last two days, the Polish leader is likely to come under Soviet pressure to continue a hard line against liberal reformers and to resist calls for the release of interned trade

unionists, Western diplomats said.

Soviet television showed Brezhnev gripping the Polish leader's hand as he stepped onto the tarmac at Vnukovo Airport. Other members of the Kremlin leadership present included Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Defense Minister Dmitry Ustinov, and Politburo members Konstantin Chernenko and Yuri Andropov.

Jaruzelski was accompanied by Foreign Minister Jozef Czyrekl, Politburo Zbigniew Messner and Deputy Defense Minister Florian Siwicki, said by many Western analysts to be the driving force behind the military government. Jaruzelski and Brezhnev took the salute from a large guard of honor of soldiers, sailors and airmen at the airport before they were driven to the Kremlin in a motorcade of more than 50 limousines.

Polish and Soviet flags were draped from lamp posts along the way and hundreds of people, most of them apparently students, lined sections of the route waving paper flags handed out just before the column of cars swept by.

The welcome accorded to the Polish leader had been expected to point to the Kremlin's general attitude to the military administration in Warsaw. Some Soviet press reports over the past two months suggested disquiet in Moscow over the minor role played by the Communist Party since the December clampdown and appeared to be urging a rapid return to civilian rule.

But Jaruzelski was given the same treatment as any visiting Soviet bloc leader. Diplomats said this was not only an endorsement of his rule but could indicate that the Kremlin expected his administration to stay in power for some time. But despite Moscow's show of approval, serious differences could come up in discussions between the Polish and Soviet leaders, diplomats said.

The Polish leadership has outlined no clear plans to deal with more than 4,000 persons interned under martial law, most of them members of the suspended Solidarity trade union. But Jaruzelski has suggested they could be released if resistance to the government dies down and the Kremlin has already made clear its total opposition to such a move.

Other differences could center on Poland's mounting economic problems, diplomats said. Badly in need of foreign exchange, Jaruzelski may be considering easing martial law to end Western sanctions against his government, a move the Kremlin was likely to oppose, they said. The Kremlin would, however, be unable to offer large-scale loans of its own because of a chronic shortage of hard currency at present, the diplomats added.

Craft lands on Venus

MOSCOW, March 1 (AP) — A Soviet space probe made a soft landing Monday on Venus, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The news agency said the unmanned Venus-13 spacecraft reached the vicinity of the planet early in the morning after completing a four-month flight covering 300 million kms, and then dropped a descent vehicle onto the planet.

The Soviet Union has landed several space probes on Venus before. "The results of the new cosmic experiment will significantly widen the information about the planet nearest to the Earth," Tass said.

Venus-13 was launched Oct. 30, 1981. Tass said that Venus-14 launched Nov. 4 will reach the planet on Friday. Both spacecraft were launched from an artificial earth satellite. The Soviet Union started its Venus research program in 1961.

The major new task of the current mission, Tass said, was to test the ground surface of Venus in an effort to determine what elements are present on the hot, cloud-covered planet. The descent vehicle was equipped with a scooping device.

Tass said the probe had already sent back photographs and taken a soil sample, which was analyzed aboard the descent vehicle. The descent vehicle transmitted information from the surface of the planet for 127 minutes, the news agency said.

Venus-13 passed at a distance of 36,000 kms from the surface of Venus and continues its flight in orbit," Tass added.

During the spacecraft's four-month trip to Venus, studies were made of X-ray radiation, interplanetary plasma and the characteristics of the solar wind and space rays, the news agency account said.

Other experiments were devoted to determine the location and characteristics of the galactic sources of gamma rays under a Soviet-French program.

Italy deplores sub intrusion

ROME, March 1 (AP) — Italy said Monday the intrusion into the Tarento Gulf by a nuclear-powered submarine — apparently Soviet — was an unacceptable violation of Italian territorial waters.

The Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying it "deplores the unacceptable violation of Italian territorial waters in the present delicate phase of international relations." Such an "irresponsible initiative," the ministry said, "certainly does no help to strengthen reciprocal confidence, increasing in such a way existing tensions."

Italian defense officials revealed Saturday that an Italian submarine, supported by aircraft and helicopters, chased a non-NATO nuclear submarine out of the Gulf of Tarento last Wednesday.

Neither the Foreign Ministry, nor Italian defense officials identified the sub-marine's nationality but Italian newspapers quoted unidentified sources as saying the sub-marine was a Soviet Victor-class nuclear-powered vessel.

Planned terrorist attack on Italian prison foiled

MILAN, Italy March 1 (AP) — Anti-terrorist police foiled a planned terrorist attack on Milan's San Vittore Prison, chief state prosecutor Mauro Gresti announced here Monday.

Gresti, wrapping up a major police anti-terrorist crackdown carried out over the past eight days, made public 17 suspect terrorists were arrested while many others were identified and being sought.

Police discovered nine Red Brigades hide-outs in Milan and nearby towns, seized arms and explosives, files of persons the Red Brigades had planned to attack and "important" documents. The plan was foiled at the last minute, Gresti said.

China, U.S. can resolve problems, Zhao hopes

PEKING, March 1 (R) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang has told President Reagan he is confident that China and the United States can overcome their present difficulties as long as they adhere to the principles under which the two countries reestablished relations.

In a letter released Monday he said the Chinese government was willing to make efforts toward that end.

Zhao, in the letter dated Sunday, to mark the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Shanghai communique, also said: "The development of Sino-U.S. relations is not only in the fundamental interests of our two peoples, but also conducive to the maintenance of peace and stability in Asia and the world as a whole."

"Both the Chinese and American peoples hope that Sino-U.S. relations will continue to move ahead in the years to come. I believe that these relations will continue to develop so long as both governments adhere to the principles jointly established in the Shanghai communique and the communique on the establishment of Sino-U.S. diplomatic relations and overcome the obstacles currently existing in relations between the two countries."

Thais told of terms

Viets assure partial pullout

TOKYO, March 1 (AFP) — Vietnam will partially withdraw its troops from Cambodia if Thailand promises not to help the ousted Khmer Rouge government, Vietnamese Ambassador to Japan Nguyen Tien said Monday.

The Vietnamese envoy told newsmen that his country had already informed Thailand of the conditions for Vietnam's partial pullout from Cambodia. The conditions were that Thailand should not provide military bases to Democratic Kampuchea (the Khmer Rouge regime), forbid Khmer Rouge use of Thai territory and prevent transport of Chinese-made arms to the Pol Pot forces, he said.

The foreign ministers of Vietnam, Laos and the Vietnam-backed Heng Samrin government of Cambodia met in Vietnamese last month to issue a communique which said, "once China's hegemonistic expansionism is removed, Vietnam and Kampuchea will agree on the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea."

It also said Vietnam and Cambodia would agree to a partial pullout of Vietnamese troops depending on the results of talks with

The Shanghai communique was issued after meetings between former President Richard Nixon and Chinese leaders in February 1972 and dealt with a U.S.-Chinese agreement to coexist peacefully and work toward normal relations.

Sino-American relations have been strained since before President Reagan's election in November 1980 as a result of campaign promises that he would upgrade relations with Nationalist China. Matters came to a head in January when Reagan said he planned to sell Taipei F-5E fighter planes, a decision Peking regards as interference in Chinese internal affairs.

Since then the two countries have been holding secret talks in Peking which Secretary of State Alexander Haig has described as extremely sensitive. Both sides have refrained from commenting on the progress of the talks, though Deputy Foreign Minister Zhong Xidong said last month that Sino-American relations had reached crisis point.

China regards Taiwan as a province of China and reacted furiously when President Reagan announced the sale of the fighters. It took no comfort in the fact that the President had decided against providing the Nationalist-ruled island with more advanced F-16s or F-5GS.

Thailand, Vietnamese troops now in Cambodia are estimated at 200,000.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting between Vietnamese-backed Cambodian forces and Khmer Rouge guerrillas erupted again Monday inside western Cambodia near the Thai border. Thai military sources said in Bangkok.

According to the sources, about 500 Khmer Rouge guerrillas attacked more than 1,200 Vietnamese-led Heng Samrin forces at two bridges and at a helicopter airfield built by the Vietnamese forces about two years ago.

There have been several outbreaks of fighting in the area, in the southern part of Aranyaprathet border district, 300 kms east of Bangkok. Several rounds of artillery landed in two Thai border villages during the fighting, but no casualties or damages were reported.

Since December, the Khmer Rouge have suffered a series of setbacks in Cambodia, according to Western military and diplomatic observers here. The Khmer Rouge under Pol Pot, who took over in Cambodia in April 1975, were ousted from Phnom Penh after Vietnamese intervention in January 1979.

Britain jails Tanzanian hijackers

STANSTED, England March 1 (AP) — Four Tanzanians who hijacked a jetliner in Africa and forced it to fly here, were in jail Monday after the three-day drama ended Sunday.

The 82 freed passengers and crew, released in batches Sunday afternoon following the intervention of an exiled Tanzanian politician, prepared to return home.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher hailed the peaceful ending as a lesson to sky pirates. "The message is that hijackers coming to this country will not be permitted to leave," she said.

The hijacking of the blue-and-gold airliner, *Kilimanjaro*, ended after police had 26½ hours of negotiations with the four young gunmen, promised British justice and persuaded them to release their captives.

The plane, named after the East African nation's famed mountain, was seized on a domestic flight in Tanzania last Friday. It zigzagged across three continents, with stops in Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Greece before landing at this little-used airport in the English countryside, 48 kms northeast of London.

The hijackers, demanding the ouster of Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, had their relatives on board, including a boy and a girl, both aged about 10.

Under cold, gray skies, the children walked into the arms of waiting British policemen. They carried a loaded .38 revolver, a fake

gun, wooden hand grenade and package marked "explosives" which turned out to be empty.

Police said security men found small amounts of explosives placed round two emergency exit doors and round toilet doors at the rear of the plane. All the hostages, apart from a Tanzanian co-pilot who was wounded in the back, were unharmed.

The co-pilot was reported to have been hit by a bullet which passed through his seat and entered his spine shortly after the plane was first hijacked after leaving Mwanza in Tanzania. It was not known in what circumstances the bullet was fired. The co-pilot, who was not immediately named, was taken to hospital. His life was reported to be out of danger.

After more than four hours of debriefing by police, the passengers, mainly Tanzanians, Asians dressed in thin, colorful summer clothes and smiling and waving to photographers, left the airport to recover from their ordeal at undisclosed accommodation.

Most were expected to return home Monday with a relief crew being flown from Tanzania to take back the aircraft.

But Home Secretary William Whitelaw, in charge of Britain's law and order, said passengers who sympathized with the hijackers' opposition to Nyerere might be allowed to stay, at least temporarily.

Police did not disclose whether any of the hijackers' relatives might be charged as accessories.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem

This column has made it its business to present you from time to time with stories illustrating the madness of living in this day and age. Every time such material is gathered, however, I found that many of the stories, if not most of them, come from the United States. Is this because of the wider coverage of news there or is it because the country really has more than its fair share of madness? A question clearly for philosophers. Ponder it while you read the following, a story from America so simple in its horrific nature that it can be called archetypal.

A lady goes to the bank to withdraw some money. She's obviously rich, well dressed with plenty of jewelry. She leaves the bank and is held up at gun point in the car park. The thief takes her money and jewels and makes a run for it across the open ground of the car park.

He doesn't get very far. A car parked there rears up and slides after him. Its driver leaps out of the window and downs the thief with one shot, then speeds off and away.

The thief is fatally wounded, but he struggles to his feet. He is then attacked by another man, who grabs the loot and runs, leaving the man dying in the street. An armed robbery, a murder, and a further robbery thus take place in a few seconds. The police come when it's all over, and find nothing to do but offer the distraught woman a lift home. No one knows who the original thief was, or who killed him or why, or whether the third criminal had any prior connection with the other two, or was just a passerby who saw his chance and grabbed it. The thing was like a sudden fire consuming itself all in a few seconds; a lethal little process which sprung into action, then vanished without trace.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsad

Indira rules out attack on Pakistan

NEW DELHI, March 1 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Monday said India was serious about concluding a no-war pact with Pakistan and reiterated that it would never attack that country.

Replying to the debate on a motion of thanks to President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy for his address to a joint session of Parliament on the opening day of its current budget session, Mrs. Gandhi at the same time spoke of an increased threat to India's security arising from strategic preparations of other countries.

In a brief reference to Indo-Pakistani relations, she criticized the recent action of Pakistan in raising the Kashmir dispute at the Geneva meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, remarking that this revealed Islamabad's "obsession."

India, which strongly protested to Pakistan over the Geneva episode, later indefinitely postponed a scheduled visit of Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathu to Islamabad for a resumed dialogue on the no-war pact proposal. He was to have left Monday.

Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao has since indicated that the dialogue was not over, but that India had postponed the foreign secretary's visit because of the present atmosphere.

India has taken the stand that the 1982 Simla accord clearly barred either country from raising bilateral issues in any international forum.

Mrs. Gandhi said strategic preparations by other countries had increased the threat of a war, which was why India had deplored the raising of Pakistan. She recalled that she had told the then Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi during a visit here last month that India would never attack Pakistan.

India had always pursued this policy, but Pakistan's policy toward India became apparent in the Human Rights Commission, by raising the Kashmir issue. "Let us tell them that we don't suffer from any such obsession," she remarked.

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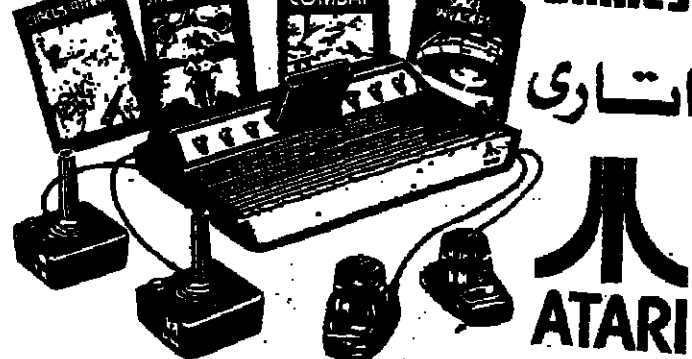
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